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Fee debate could be all for naught

Mandatory school fees. Front-running parties in Alberta election have eyes on altering costs for parents

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Debate over a planned user-pay model for Calgary public-school fees could be in vain, as the two parties vying to form Alberta's next government have their eyes on making swift changes.

The model, which was heavily scrutinized by trustees during a Tuesday meeting, would see parents who pay to have their children bused to school pay also for noon supervision.

But Thomas Lukaszuk, the Progressive Conservative education minister, says he fully intends to standardize all costs in time for the fall school year — should he return to office.

"If they (children) are going to the nearest school possible, why should they pay for busing?" he said. "That should fall under public education."

It's unclear what the fee amounts would be set at, but Edmonton's elementary students, for example, are charged $80 less per year than those in Calgary.

The Wildrose party has already announced plans to cover mandatory school fees for parents as early as this fall and MLA Rob Anderson hinted the pledge could be taken a step further to address busing and other fees.

"We just don't think that you should have to pay to send your kids to separate schools, public schools," he said.

Both candidates made it clear that parents with kids attending alternative programs would still incur added costs.

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CHILL FACTOR

Chris Martin, lead singer of Coldplay, performs before a sold-out crowd at the Saddledome on Wednesday during the band's Mylo Xyloto Tour. CANDICE WARD/FOR METRO

In a cabin in the woods

A stranded Fort Macleod couple took shelter in a cabin, and now they'd like to thank the owner PAGE 3

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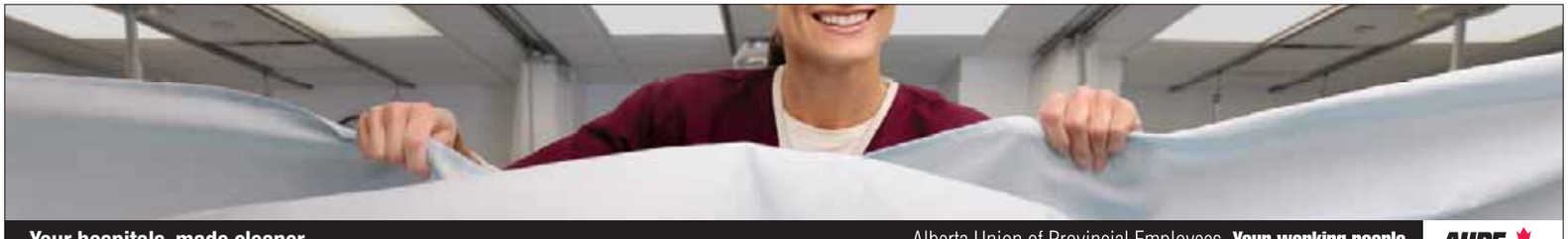

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RCMP continue investigation into Okotoks murder

RCMP investigate a murder at a condo complex in Okotoks. DARREN KRAUSE/METRO

Police say their suspect in a homicide at an Okotoks complex was taken to hospital in the incident.

According to RCMP, they responded to a call at a condo at 2000–12 Cimarron Common, where they found a man and a woman, both suffering from serious injuries.

The male, who is the prime suspect, was transported by STARS air ambulance to hospital and the woman was taken via ground ambulance, but the woman later died of her injuries, police said.

"These two were known to each other, but the exact nature of their relationship is still to be determined, said RCMP Sgt. Patricia Neely.

Neely added that the incident wasn't a random act, though she said the police were not familiar with either of the victims nor the residents of the condo where it took place.

Residents of a two-building condo complex in Okotoks are shaken after learning of the death of a young female resident.

Audrey Jorgensen, who has lived in the quiet condo complex for eight years, said the incident was terrible, and was surprised to learn of the woman's fate.

DARREN KRAUSE/METRO

Jacob and Anja Oosterwijk are reaching out to a few individuals who helped rescue them from the B.C. backcountry. COURTESY RCMP

Rescued Fort Macleod couple seeking out their mystery logger helper

Ordeal. Jacob Oosterwijk describes cabin where he and wife took shelter as a 'beautiful prison'

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Back in the comfort of their own home, an Alberta couple who spent three days trapped in the B.C. wilderness reached out to a few mystery helpers Tuesday.

Jacob and Anja Oosterwijk ventured from Fort Macleod on a day-trip to Fernie Saturday morning.

What was supposed to be a relaxing time in the mountains quickly turned to frustration and fear after the couple's SUV became stuck and they were forced to trudge aimlessly through deep snow for hours in search of shelter.

"We went through different emotions," Jacob Oosterwijk explained Tuesday. "We were more worried about our kids back home, because they didn't know what was going on."

Finally, the Oosterwijks found an empty cabin in B.C.'s Bull River area that Jacob believes was likely reserved for summer getaways. They took shelter in there, found a working radio and were eventually able to call for help Monday afternoon, three days after they were last heard from.

"It was a logger 10 miles away," Jacob said.

That logger, whom Jacob hopes to get in touch with, was eventually able to radio the RCMP, and the couple was rescued by helicopter late Monday.

"We are so lucky," he said. "This cabin had food in it, it had a woodstove so we could get warm. That was important."

The couple hopes now to find and thank the owners.

Happy and healthy:

Jacob Oosterwijk suffered a minor knee injury while walking through snow in the Bull River area, but other than that he and wife Anja were reported to be in good health Tuesday.

"I even took a measurement of the window I broke to get in so I could replace it," Jacob said.

The couple's oldest daughter, Gerdine Oosterwijk, said she and her siblings were elated to have their parents back home.

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On the web

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NASA released photos and video footage of a glowing red loop of plasma erupting from the sun's surface on Monday. Watch at metronews.ca

Mystery behind Viking hats

Ever wonder who came up with the genius idea that Vikings should wear hats with horns? Turns out, probably no one (well, maybe poets and artists). Watch as this and other historical misconceptions are set straight at metronews.ca.

Mobile news

A 'monster' international drug bust nabbed more than 43 tonnes of hash, says the RCMP. The estimated $860 million worth of hash destined for Halifax and Montreal was found in several countries, including Pakistan, Belgium, Italy and Canada. Scan the code for the story.

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Your candidates. Calgary–Lougheed

David Rodney: PC

The current MLA for the area, Dave has worked on the Provincial Treasury Board and the agenda & priorities committees, and as Energy Representative to the Council of State Governments.

John Carpay: Wildrose

John Carpay was born in the Netherlands, and grew up in Williams Lake, B.C. He earned his B.A. in Political Science at Laval University in Quebec City, and his LL.B. from the University of Calgary. He is fluent in English, French and Dutch.

Brent Kelly: NDP

Brent Kelly is an elected representative in the student government at the University of Alberta and in the final year of his bachelor's degree in political science and international studies. He works at the career centre at the university, educating undergraduate students, graduate students, and post-doctoral fellows about career-related opportunities in Edmonton and beyond.

Your candidates. Calgary–Mackay–Nose Hill

Don Thompson: Liberal

Alberta Liberal

Don Thompson raised his family in MacEwan and is currently a practising management consultant, Don's career has been focused on management of public and private organizations, both large and small.

Anne Wilson: NDP

Anne Wilson graduated from the University of Calgary with a degree in English, followed by a degree in law. While at law school, she ran a student legal assistance clinic.

Roy Alexander: Wildrose

For more than 30 years Roy has lived in the riding of Calgary–MacKay–Nose Hill, where he and his wife have raised their kids and served their community.

Jason Webster: Alberta Party

Jason is a fourth-generation Calgarian with close ties to his family. He has lived in the Thorncliffe and Beddington (Mackay–Nose Hill) area for the majority of his life.

Neil Brown: PC

Neil Brown was elected to his second term as a member of the assembly for the constituency of Calgary-Nose Hill on March 3, 2008. In addition to his duties as an MLA Dr. Brown is a member of the standing committee on public safety and services, chair of the private bills committee and a member of the cabinet policy committee on finances.

Alberta Conservative Leader Alison Redford looks over a conveyor belt moving potatoes for packing while touring Scholing's Produce Inc. during one of her stops on the campaign trail in Lacombe, Alta., on Wednesday. JASON FRANSON/THE CANDIAN PRESS

Undecided voters up for grabs in final weekend

Election on Monday. Leaders make their final pitch as several surveys peg the number of undecided votes at 20 per cent

The race between the two conservative parties in the Alberta election campaign has been likened to a nasty right-wing divorce — the Wildrose splitting from its Progressive Conservative roots and both parties now fighting to claim custody of undecided voters.

Several surveys have the number of votes still up for grabs at 20 per cent — a number that hasn't budged much throughout the campaign.

Monday's election result could hinge on whether Danielle Smith's Wildrose party, made up largely of disgruntled Tories, can persuade the fence-sitters to give her the nod rather than Premier Alison Redford's Progressive Conservatives.

"It's a big decision we're asking people to make. Having voted for the same way for 41 years, we're now asking people to make a decision to move in a different direction with a new party," Smith said Wednesday.

The issue of strategic voting has been raised in recent days — supporting one party to keep another from winning the election.

But Redford said earlier in the week that she wasn't aware of any such movement by Liberal or NDP supporters to keep the Wildrose at bay.

"I think there's a lot of Albertans who are undecided and are starting to decide where to go. I know what I'm hearing from my candidates at the door is Albertans are very engaged," she said.

David Taras, a political science professor at Mount Royal University in Calgary, said the impact of having a high number of undecided voters is overblown.

"The number may be high but it's not as significant as you would expect," said Taras, adding that only about one in five undecideds ends up voting.

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Keep your engine revs down, cops can track the decibels

Get tested. Vehicles in question will have an opportunity to put their mufflers up against new technology

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City bylaw officials are revving up to nab the noisiest of motorists, but violators will be given their fair share of warnings.

If all goes according to plan, the Noise Snare device, which works similar to photo radar but tracks decibels instead of kilometres, will be introduced on city streets in May, said bylaw boss Bill Bruce.

"It's a very fair test," he said. "I suspect for the first bit we will probably issue warning tickets," he said.

City council approved using the device last year, much to the chagrin of some motorcycle riders who believed they were being unfairly targeted.

But Piotr Kosirowski, owner of Pro-AM Motorcycles, believes the impact will be minimal on the average rider. "It's really just a few bad apples who ruin it for the rest of us," he said.

As promised, motorists curious of whether their vehicle cracks the 96-decibel barrier will be invited to a track owned by Calgary police for a few test runs in May. "Most people who get tested will probably be shocked it's not as loud as they probably think it is," Bruce said.

The Noise Snare

- **Testing.** City officials tested the Noise Snare technology over a number of days under varying conditions last year.
- **Samples.** Of 11,347 vehicles sampled over that time, only 15 produce noise that exceeded the 96-decibel threshold.

Motorcycle riders who exceed the city's noise bylaw will be given warnings at first as bylaw officials plan to introduce new technology to track decibel levels on city streets. METRO FILE PHOTO

6,400 kilometres on foot to lend a voice to victims

Const. Travis Juska, left, and Const. Dan Rossi will be covering much of Canada on foot in the weeks ahead. CANDICE WARD/FOR METRO

With perspective gained through policing on the frontlines, two Calgary constables are lacing up and setting off with a group seeking to lend a voice to victims.

Over the span of the two months, they plan to cover 6,400 kilometres, speak to students at 70 schools and likely incur dozens of blisters.

"It's a brisk one," Const. Travis Juska said jokingly of the trek that awaits.

The five-year veteran of the Calgary Police Service will be joined by fellow local Const. Dan Rossi, his brother Andrew Rossi, Ontario RCMP Const. Mark Macdonnell and member Rob Skelly.

For his part, Const. Rossi said he was a social advocate long before he pulled on the police uniform and sees the walk as an important step beyond the boundaries of his job.

"Engagement with a police officer can last anywhere from five minutes to 24 hours," he said.

"Sometimes I walk away, but the story doesn't end there ... I know what victims sometimes go through after engaging with myself."

Juska, meanwhile, said he's looking forward to connecting with high school-aged students, urging them to speak up if they have been victimized and require assistance.

"Everybody has a voice — that's going to be our big tagline," Juska said. "The more exposure you can bring to that the less power it gives the offender." JEREMY NOLAIS/METRO

The goal

- **The journey.** The team, known as 5 With D.R.I.V.E., will officially begin their quest at Vancouver's Stanley Park on Sunday. They plan to conclude the journey in Toronto on June 23.
- **Info.** For more information about the trek, visit freedomwalk.ca.

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All Garth Brooks tickets made for public purchase: Ticketmaster

Canada's largest ticketing agency has confirmed nearly all tickets to Garth Brooks Calgary Stampede concert were made available for public purchase.

After inquiring with the artist's representatives, Stampede officials, and internally, Ticketmaster spokesperson Jacqueline Peterson said more than 90 per cent of tickets to the Saddledome show in July were made available.

Peterson said her organization took the unusual step of inquiring about the number of tickets sold after facing wide-ranging criticism from passionate fans and online resale sites claiming, in some cases, as few as 20 per cent of tickets were made available to fans.

"Certainly, with live entertainment people are very passionate," Peterson said.

Tickets to Brooks' concert sold out in 58 seconds Saturday morning, but many appeared minutes later on ticket resale sites — some with a price markup of more than 40 times the original cost.

Stampede publicity manager Jennifer Booth empathized with fans who feel slighted by the process.

"We don't like to see tickets going online in aftersale, but there's nothing we can do about it," she said. "It's frustrating."

An investigation to determine if annual unusual purchasing activity took place Saturday is ongoing, Peterson said.

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The Calgary Police Service was handing out tickets for seatbelt violations Wednesday, in an effort to educate and raise compliance rates. METRO FILE

Cops still want 100% seatbelt compliance rate

Blitz. The Calgary Police Service's traffic education unit handed out more than 70 tickets for occupation restraint violations Wednesday

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Everyone knows it's the law, but five per cent of Alberta's population is still not getting the message.

According to the Calgary Police Service traffic education unit, Alberta has a 95 per cent compliance for buckling up.

"In redneck Alberta, that is pretty good, but we want to strive for 100 per cent," said Const. Jim Lebedeff.

Officers at the Saddletowne Circle checkstop, handed out a number of tickets Wednesday morning, for a number of occupant restraint violations.

Seven CPS officers and three nurses were on hand, inspecting drivers and passengers to make sure they were buckled up and even checked to make sure children were also properly restrained in their car seats.

"It is all to make sure the kids are all safe and sound, and (that we are) educating the public," said Lebedeff.

Information class

- A car-seat-information class is held at the Children's Hospital.
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Your candidates. Calgary-McCall

Alberta Liberal

Darshan Kang: Critic for Infrastructure, Transportation, Service Alberta, and MLA for Calgary-McCall since 2008. Kang completed a pre-medical degree at the University of Indore before coming to Canada in 1970. Darshan currently works as a realtor.

Alberta NDP

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Colette Singh: Singh has worked in the long-term care sector for the past 25 years. Currently she is the full-time president of her local union, which encompasses 12 long-term care facilities. She has participated in the Canadian Union of Public Employees Alberta Division's political action committee.

Alberta PC

Muhammad Rasheed: His career began at CP Rail as a labourer, while pursuing his education. He later acquired his certification in Power Engineering from SAIT and was employed as a power engineer at the Chateau Lake Louise power plant shortly after.

Wildrose

Grant Galpin: Galpin is a former church minister, active community advocate, and current principal of GG & Associates Inc, a public consultation and management consulting firm. He has been active in Airdrie and NE Calgary since 1996.

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'I made a mistake'

Spain's king says sorry amid outrage over hunting trip

In an unprecedented act of royal contrition, Spain's king apologized Wednesday for having gone elephant-hunting in Africa while his people endure an economic crisis.

"I am very sorry. I made a mistake. It won't happen again," King Juan Carlos said.

Looking sheepish and using crutches to walk, he spoke as he left a Madrid hospital where he had surgery after breaking his hip in a fall during the expensive trip to Botswana.

The 74-year-old had to be rushed back to Spain — now battling a 23 per cent unemployment rate.

The royal family has been in the news lately — and not for the best reasons.

The king's son-in-law is a suspect in a corruption case. And the king's 13-year-old grandson shot himself in the foot with a shotgun, even though by law in Spain you must be 14 to handle a gun.

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Grim photos. U.S. troops posed with bodies of insurgents, paper says

The White House and the U.S. Pentagon voiced regrets Wednesday for a new Afghan battlefield embarrassment — over photos.

Newly published shots purport to show U.S. troops posing with the bodies of insurgents in Afghanistan.

Defence Secretary Leon Panetta called it a violation of America's "core values."

"My apology is on behalf of the Department of Defence and the U.S. government," Panetta said.

U.S. President Barack Obama's chief spokesperson, Jay Carney, said the incident was "reprehensible."

The photos were published in Wednesday's Los Angeles Times.

One shows members of the 82nd Airborne Division posing in 2010 with Afghan police and the severed legs of a suicide bomber.

Another appears to show the hand of a dead insurgent resting on a U.S. soldier's shoulder as the soldier smiles.

The Army said an investigation is under way.

Panetta added, "This is war. I know that war is ugly and it's violent, and I know that young people sometimes caught up in the moment sometimes make very foolish decisions."

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Wednesday's Los Angeles Times carries the story and the photos. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Confessed mass killer Anders Behring Breivik, left, talks with his lawyers at the Oslo court on Wednesday. "I am a militant Christian," he testified in Courtroom 250. LISE ASERUD/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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Freedom or death: Mass killer reveals his stark choice

Norway's massacre trial. 'I view 21 years in prison as a pathetic sentence,' Breivik tells the court in sensational testimony

The right-wing fanatic on trial for massacring 77 people in Norway says he wants either freedom or death.

He called the country's set prison terms "pathetic" and argued for the return of capital punishment, which was last used in Norway to execute Nazi collaborators after the Second World War.

"Acquittal or the death penalty are the only logical outcomes of this case," the confessed killer said.

"I view 21 years in prison as a pathetic sentence."

In the third day of his Oslo terror trial, Anders Behring Breivik was grilled by prosecutors about the anti-Muslim militant group he claims to belong to.

He rejected their suggestions that the "Knights Templar" doesn't exist, but admitted he had embellished when describing the network in a 1,500-page manifesto he published online before the bomb-and-shooting rampage on July 22. He described it as a leaderless network consisting of "independent cells."

Prosecutors told reporters after Wednesday's hearing that they don't believe the group is real or that the meetings Breivik claims took place in Liberia, Britain and the Baltic countries ever happened.

The issue is of key importance in determining Breivik's sanity, and whether he's ultimately sent to prison or compulsory psychiatric care.

If found sane, Breivik could face a maximum 21-year prison sentence or an alternate custody arrangement that would keep him locked up as long as he is considered a menace to society.

If declared insane he would be committed to psychiatric care for as long as he's considered ill.

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The world reels

Breivik claims Muslim immigrants are colonizing Europe with the tacit approval of liberal governments. That's why, he says, he went on a murderous rampage that shocked the world.

- **Oslo.** Eight people were killed in a bombing at government headquarters.
- **Utoya.** Sixty-nine people, mostly teenagers, were shot to death on the island outside the capital.

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No more weed for foreigners in Amsterdam?

A young man lights a joint in coffee shop Cool Running, which is licensed to sell marijuana, in Maastricht, Netherlands. ERMINDO ARMINO/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Drug tourism. Businesses fight plan to turn marijuana cafés into members-only clubs open solely to Dutch residents

Dutch coffee shop owners went to court Wednesday in a last-ditch bid to block a government plan to stop foreigners from buying marijuana in the Netherlands.

Lawyers representing the coffee shops oppose what would be the most significant change in decades to the country's famed soft drug tolerance: turning marijuana cafés into "members only" clubs open solely to Dutch residents.

Members would only be able to get into the coffee shops by registering for a "weed pass" and the shops would only be allowed a maximum of 2,000 members.

The move comes into force in the south of the country May 1 and is scheduled to roll out nationwide on Jan. 1, 2013.

Whether it will be enforced in Amsterdam, whose coffee shops are a major tourist draw, remains to be seen.

Mayor Eberhard van der Laan says he wants to negotiate a workable compromise with the country's Justice Minister Ivo Opstelten.

Lawyers for the café owners told a judge at The Hague District Court that the move — aimed at reining in problems caused by foreign "drug tourists" who buy marijuana in the Netherlands and resell it in neighbouring countries — is "clearly discriminatory."

Lawyer Ilonka Kamans argued that Dutch drugs policy gives citizens "the fundamental right to the stimulant of their choosing" and should not deprive visiting foreigners of the same right.

Another of the coffee shop lawyers, Maurice Veldman, told The Associated Press outside the court that the problem of drug tourism is confined to southern provinces close to the Dutch border with Germany and Belgium and should be tackled with local measures, not nationwide legislation.

But government lawyer Eric Daalder defended the measures. 'Fighting criminality and drug tourism is a reasonable justification" for the crackdown, Daalder told the court.

He said the government wants to bring coffee shops back to what they were originally intended to be: "small local stores selling to local people." THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Local impact

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Airport high-flyer. Man strips naked in protest over security screening

Port of Portland police say a 49-year-old man stripped naked at Portland International Airport as a protest against airport security screeners.

The incident report said John E. Brennan's actions Tuesday evening caused some passengers to cover their eyes and their children's eyes while others looked, laughed and took photos. Two screening lanes were temporarily closed.

Police say the Portland man was arrested for investigation of indecent exposure and disorderly conduct.

The Oregonian newspaper reports that the Port of Portland summary said Brennan "disrobed completely naked" while going through a security screening area.

He later told authorities he flies often and "disrobed as a form of protest against TSA (Transportation Security Administration) screeners he felt were harassing him."

The man missed his flight to San Jose, Calif. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Human rights

Inventor of web warns U.K. to drop surveillance plans

The scientist credited with inventing the World Wide Web says he's warned Britain's government to ditch plans to extend surveillance of Internet activity.

Tim Berners Lee, who developed the web in 1990, says the proposals to allow intelligence agencies to monitor Internet use and digital communications of British citizens would be a "destruction of human rights."

Berners Lee told The Guardian newspaper in an interview published Wednesday that the proposals would place intimate information at risk of theft.

He says the government has not explained how it could safely store the data, meaning the plan should be scrapped.

Britain's Home Office has insisted that any new surveillance program would be limited and aimed at serious crime and terrorism. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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Khadr's transfer from Guantanamo Bay now in Ottawa's hands

Diplomatic wrangling. Sources suggest reluctant Canadian government being strong-armed into taking war criminal

Ottawa has received an application from convicted war criminal Omar Khadr to transfer from Guantanamo Bay to Canada. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Convicted Canadian war criminal Omar Khadr, who became a poster child for the excesses of the war on terror, is a significant step closer to leaving Guantanamo Bay with a formal request for his transfer to Canada now in Ottawa's hands.

But diplomatic wrangling persisted, with one source suggesting the Americans were "desperate" to send Khadr home, and that a reluctant Canadian government was essentially being strong-armed into taking him.

According to the source, the Americans are "bending over backwards" to ensure Khadr's exit from Guantanamo Bay and will have to "bend their way around a number of their own rules" to make that happen.

"The U.S. needs to get rid of this guy for their own reasons," said one source familiar with the file.

"The United States basically asked Canada for a diplomatic favour and Canada previously agreed to look at a request of this nature favourably."

A spokeswoman for Public Safety Minister Vic Toews confirmed on Wednesday that the federal government was considering the request to take him off U.S. hands, which sparked an outpouring of mostly anti-Khadr reaction among Canadians.

"The government of Canada has just received a completed application for the transfer of prisoner Omar Ahmed Khadr," spokeswoman Julie Carmichael said.

"A decision will be made on this file in accordance with Canadian law."

The Pentagon would not confirm that Secretary of Defence Leon Panetta had signed off on the formal transfer request, which also requires the president to give Congress 30 days notice.

Khadr, 25, was eligible to return to Canada from Guantanamo Bay last October under terms of a deal reached a year earlier in which he pleaded guilty to five war crimes committed in Afghanistan as a 15-year-old. THE CANADIAN PRESS

First Nations. Court orders hearing on child welfare

A new Federal Court ruling on child welfare clears the way for First Nations to challenge federal funding for education, policing and health care, says the Canadian Human Rights Commission.

The court handed First Nations groups and child-welfare advocates a victory on Wednesday, ordering a new hearing into whether Ottawa is discriminating against native children.

The ruling rejected the federal government's technical attempts to prevent First Nations groups from arguing for better funding for child welfare on reserves.

"It really underpins the access to justice for all First Nations people," acting human rights commissioner David Langtry said in an interview.

"This is extremely significant to us. It's a key test of our legislation as it applies to First Nations."

The ruling means First Nations and the federal government will have a full-blown hearing about whether Ottawa is treating native children unfairly.

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A boy from Cat Lake First Nation in northern Ontario stands in the bright spring sun last week. HEATHER SCOFFIELD/THE CANADIAN PRESS

Day of death

Rafferty bragged luck was coming to him

Hours before eight-year-old Victoria Stafford was abducted and killed, the man accused in her death bragged online that good things were coming.

The trial of Michael Rafferty was shown a screen capture Wednesday of his Facebook profile page from the spring of 2009 and on the morning of April 8 he posted: "everything good is comming (sic) my way."

Tori was abducted outside her Woodstock, Ont., school that day just after the 3:30 dismissal bell and one of Rafferty's girlfriends at the time, Terri-Lynne McClintic, has admitted she led the girl away.

McClintic, who is already serving a life sentence after pleading guilty to first-degree murder, testified that she kidnapped a child at Rafferty's urging and that he sexually assaulted Tori before she was killed.

Rafferty, 31, has pleaded not guilty to first-degree murder, sexual assault causing bodily harm and kidnapping.

THE CANADIAN PRESS

Man accused in beating death appears in court

Andre Noel Denny arrives at Halifax Provincial Court Wednesday on a second-degree murder charge in the beating death of Raymond Taavel. RYAN TAPLIN/METRO

ALY THOMSON
For Metro in Halifax

Andre Noel Denny was forthright and unapologetic as he emerged from a Halifax provincial court elevator on Wednesday with his hands cuffed and legs shackled.

"Public drunken fight. What can I say?" Denny loudly proclaimed to reporters as he was escorted by two police officers into the courtroom.

Denny, charged with second-degree murder in the beating death of Raymond Taavel, was remanded back to the East Coast Forensic Hospital in Burnside for a psychiatric assessment after a brief appearance. The 32-year-old Cape Breton man will return to court on May 17 for a hearing to determine if he is fit to stand trial or if he could be exempt from criminal responsibility.

Taavel, a well-known gay-rights activist, was beaten to death early Tuesday morning outside a bar on Gottingen Street.

Denny, a patient of the Burnside hospital, failed to return to the facility following an unescorted one-hour leave on Monday evening. He was in the hospital after being found not criminally responsible on a charge of assault causing bodily harm from an incident in Sydney in January.

Court documents from 2009 describe Denny as suffering from paranoid schizophrenia with a history of "aggressiveness, impulsivity and unpredictability," and as being "grossly psychotic."

Pavel Boubnov, a defence lawyer who was representing Denny on Wednesday, said he should not have been released from the hospital that night.

"You just simply look at the file for this person to understand that he should be closely monitored by medical professionals," Boubnov said.

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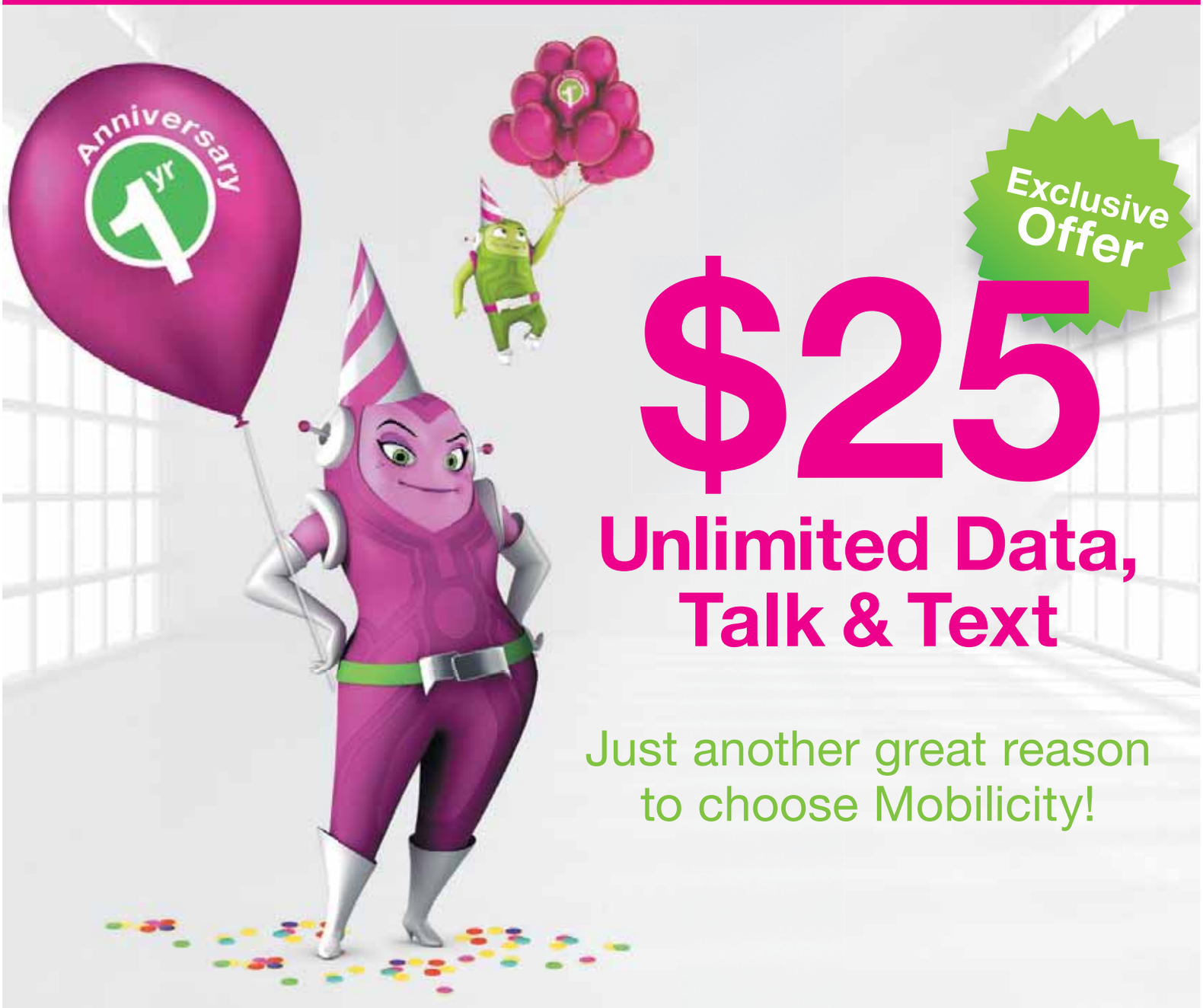

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Losing a legend

Dick Clark, America's 'oldest teenager', dies at 82

Dick Clark, the ever-youthful television host and tireless entrepreneur who helped bring rock 'n' roll into the mainstream on American Bandstand, has died of a heart attack.

After American Bandstand, he produced and hosted a vast range of programming from game shows to the year-end countdown in Times Square on "New Year's Rockin' Eve."

Spokesman Paul Shefrin said Clark had the heart attack Wednesday morning at Saint John's hospital in Santa Monica, a day after he was admitted for an outpatient procedure.

Clark had continued performing even after he suffered a stroke in 2004 that affected his ability to speak and walk.

Long dubbed "the world's oldest teenager" because of his boyish appearance, Clark bridged the rebellious new music scene with traditional show business, and was equally comfortable whether chatting about music with Sam Cooke or bantering with Ed McMahon about TV bloopers.

He thrived as the founder of Dick Clark Productions, supplying movies, game and music shows, beauty contests and more to television.

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Dick Clark died Wednesday at age 82. CHRIS O'MEARA/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Nurse arrested after mom killed, baby son abducted

Houston area. Nurse, 30, faces murder charge; baby located unharmed. Victim 'in wrong place at the wrong time,' DA says

Kala Marie Golden's husband Keith Schuchardt. PAT SULLIVAN/AP

In this family snapshot Kala Marie Golden, right, is shown with her two sons. Golden was murdered and her newborn was abducted. SCHUCHARDT FAMILY/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

A nurse admitted to fatally shooting a young mother in a town near Houston and abducting the dying woman's newborn son whom she apparently intended to adopt, authorities said Wednesday. Verna McClain is charged with capital murder in the killing of Kala Marie Golden, 28.

Witnesses saw a woman repeatedly shoot Golden on Tuesday afternoon in the parking lot of a pediatric clinic.

She then drove away with Golden's infant son Keegan who was found unharmed Tuesday evening at a home with McClain's sister, authorities said.

According to an arrest record, McClain, 30, admitted to shooting Golden and taking Keegan to Harris County, where the baby was subsequently found.

McClain gave authorities information that only the shooter would know, according to the arrest record.

She is being held without bail.

District Attorney Brett Ligon said McClain's statement to investigators indicates she shot the mother as part of a wider plan to kidnap any child and that Golden was simply in the wrong place at the wrong time.

"We believe we have sufficient evidence to prove that she kidnapped the child and committed the murder," Ligon said at a press conference Wednesday.

Ligon said McClain approached law enforcement at an apartment complex where detectives found a vehicle matching witness descriptions, and started to provide information about the case. But McClain did not say where the child was, Ligon said.

Instead, authorities received an anonymous tip that directed them to Keegan's location, he said. McClain was then arrested at the apartment complex and later confessed to authorities.

McClain's sister lives at the apartment complex that detectives searched before they found the child, Ligon said.

It remains unclear who lived at the home where Keegan was found, Ligon said.

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Society of St. Pius X

Quarter century schism may be ending

The Vatican and a breakaway group of traditionalist Catholics appear to be nearing an agreement that could bring the group back into Rome's fold.

Vatican spokesman Rev. Federico Lombardi said Wednesday the Society of St. Pius X had delivered an "encouraging" response to the Vatican's demands that it accept some core church teachings.

The Vatican had rejected as "insufficient" the group's initial response last month, but Lombardi said their revised position marked "a step forward."

The Society was founded by the late ultraconservative Archbishop Marcel Lefebvre in 1969 and split from Rome over his opposition to the reforms of the Second Vatican Council,

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Indian teen worker rescued after being trapped for 2 days

India. At least six people were killed when a blanket factory collapsed Sunday

Rescuers pulled a 15-year-old boy from a massive heap of broken concrete Wednesday morning, more than 48 hours after the blanket factory he was working in collapsed and killed at least six people in northern India.

The boy, who told rescuers his name was Sandeep, was carried on a stretcher from the scene in Jalandhar, a town in Punjab state, and taken to a nearby hospital.

Workers continued searching for more people buried when the three-storey factory buckled around midnight Sunday, while workers were inside. Estimates for how many may still be trapped have ranged from a dozen to more than 100.

Six bodies have been found and 60 people rescued, including three with serious injuries, district magistrate Priyank Bharti said.

Many of the factory's workers were migrants from other Indian states, including Bihar, Jharkhand and West Bengal. Sandeep said he was from Bihar.

He said he passed out when the building collapsed, and did not know how long he was unconscious before waking and finding himself in a small cavern closed off by broken concrete slabs. The two friends he was with were missing, and he does not know what happened to them. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Compensation

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Punjab's Chief Minister Parkash Singh Badal promised $3,800 compensation to families of those killed, as well as a statewide audit of building safety and a separate investigation into why the factory was in a decrepit state.

Rescue workers carry survivor Sandeep out from the rubble of a factory that collapsed in Jalandhar, India. Rescue work continues at the site of the three-storey blanket factory that collapsed in northern India close to midnight Sunday, killing at least six people. CHANNI ANAND/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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Pakistan calls for peace over glacier dispute

Pakistan's powerful army chief on Wednesday called for the peaceful resolution of a Himalayan glacier dispute with rival nuclear power India, and suggested his country should spend less on defence and more on development.

Gen. Ashfaq Parvez Kayani's comments came after he visited the site of an avalanche near the Siachen Glacier that last week buried 140 people, including 129 Pakistani soldiers.

The tragedy has refocused attention on what critics say is a futile standoff with India over an uninhabited stretch of ice where more troops have been killed by the elements than warfare.

Kayani noted that India began the conflict when its troops occupied the uninhabited Siachen Glacier in 1984. Pakistan sent in troops, and since then both armies have been facing each other on the glacier, which is located north of the disputed territory of Kashmir.

The Pakistani army chief said the conflict "should be resolved," and in order to do that "the two countries have to talk about" the issue.

Kayani did not set a time frame, and his remarks were in line with Pakistan's general position that talks are needed to resolve all its disputes with its much larger neighbour.

Pakistan and India have fought three major wars since they both achieved independence from the British empire in 1947, two of them over Kashmir. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Quoted

- In a rare question and answer session with the media, Gen. Ashfaq Parvez Kayani said the security of a country was not just about borders but also the welfare of its people.
- "In only that case a country is truly secured, and we understand this," said Kayani.

A Pakistan army helicopter flies over Gayari camp which was hit by a massive avalanche which buried 140 people including 129 Pakistani soldiers last week at the Siachen glacier in Pakistan. B.K. BANGASH/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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Bully's paralyzing punch costs school district $4.2M

Payment. New Jersey officials settle lawsuit over middle-school student's 'incredibly rare' injury

A New Jersey school district has agreed to pay $4.2 million US to settle a lawsuit by a middle-school student who was paralyzed after a known bully punched him in the abdomen.

The settlement between the Ramsey school district and the family of Sawyer Rosenstein, who had complained to the district about being bullied, was worked out over the past two months but not made public until last week.

The family's lawsuit alleged school officials knew or should have known the boy's attacker had violent tendencies and failed to comply with a state anti-bullying law, said the Rosensteins' attorney, Jeffrey Youngman.

Taking a stand

- **The Rosensteins also settled a claim against the boy who attacked their son.** Youngman said the terms were confidential.
- **New Jersey enacted a tough new anti-bullying law in 2011.** Youngman said such laws are effective only if they are enforced and adequately funded.

The boy had punched another student in the face on a school bus a year earlier, but the school kept no record of it or other attacks and the attacker was not subjected to escalating discipline, the suit said.

Just three months before being punched, Rosenstein, then 12, emailed school officials to report he was being bullied and to ask for help.

"I would like to let you know that the bullying has increased," he wrote to his guidance counsellor. "I would like to figure out some coping mechanisms to deal with these situations, and I would just like to put this on file so if something happens again, we can show that there was past bullying situations."

Sawyer was punched in the abdomen at school on May 16, 2006, dropping him to his knees. Two days later, the seventh-grader let out a scream in his bedroom. "We picked him up and called an ambulance," his father, Joel Rosenstein, told The Record of Woodland Park.

The blow had caused a clot in a major artery that supplies blood to his spine, leaving him paralyzed from the waist down from what his attorney described as an "incredibly rare" injury.

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The Opposition settles in

NDP Leader Tom Mulcair and his wife Catherine Pinhas pose in the doorway of Stornoway, the residence of the leader of the official Opposition, in Ottawa on Wednesday. ADRIAN WYLD/THE CANADIAN PRESS

Ontario case

Officer charged after police dog bites suspect

Ontario's police watchdog says a Belleville officer has been charged in an incident in which a man was bitten by a police dog.

The Special Investigations Unit says Justin Nolan, 31, suffered serious dog-bite injuries to his right leg. Const. Jeff McNevin, the handler of the dog, is facing one charge of assault causing bodily harm. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Reality TV

Men charge The Bachelor with discrimination

Two black men are taking The Bachelor and The Bachelorette to court with a lawsuit that claims the reality shows are blocking contestants of colour from starring roles.

Nathaniel Claybrooks and Christopher Johnson filed a federal lawsuit in Nashville, Tenn., on Wednesday.

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Suu Kyi plans first foreign trip in 24 years

Democracy icon.
Myanmar opposition leader to 'travel freely' to Britain and Norway

Myanmar opposition leader Aung San Suu Kyi plans to travel to Britain and Norway in June on her first trip abroad in 24 years, her party spokesman said Wednesday.

The 66-year-old democracy icon has not left Myanmar for more than two decades because of fears the nation's authoritarian rulers would not allow her to return.

The junta that ruled the country for almost half a century ceded power to a new government last year that has embarked on a series of widely praised reforms, including opening a dialogue with Suu Kyi and allowing her to run for — and win — a seat in parliament.

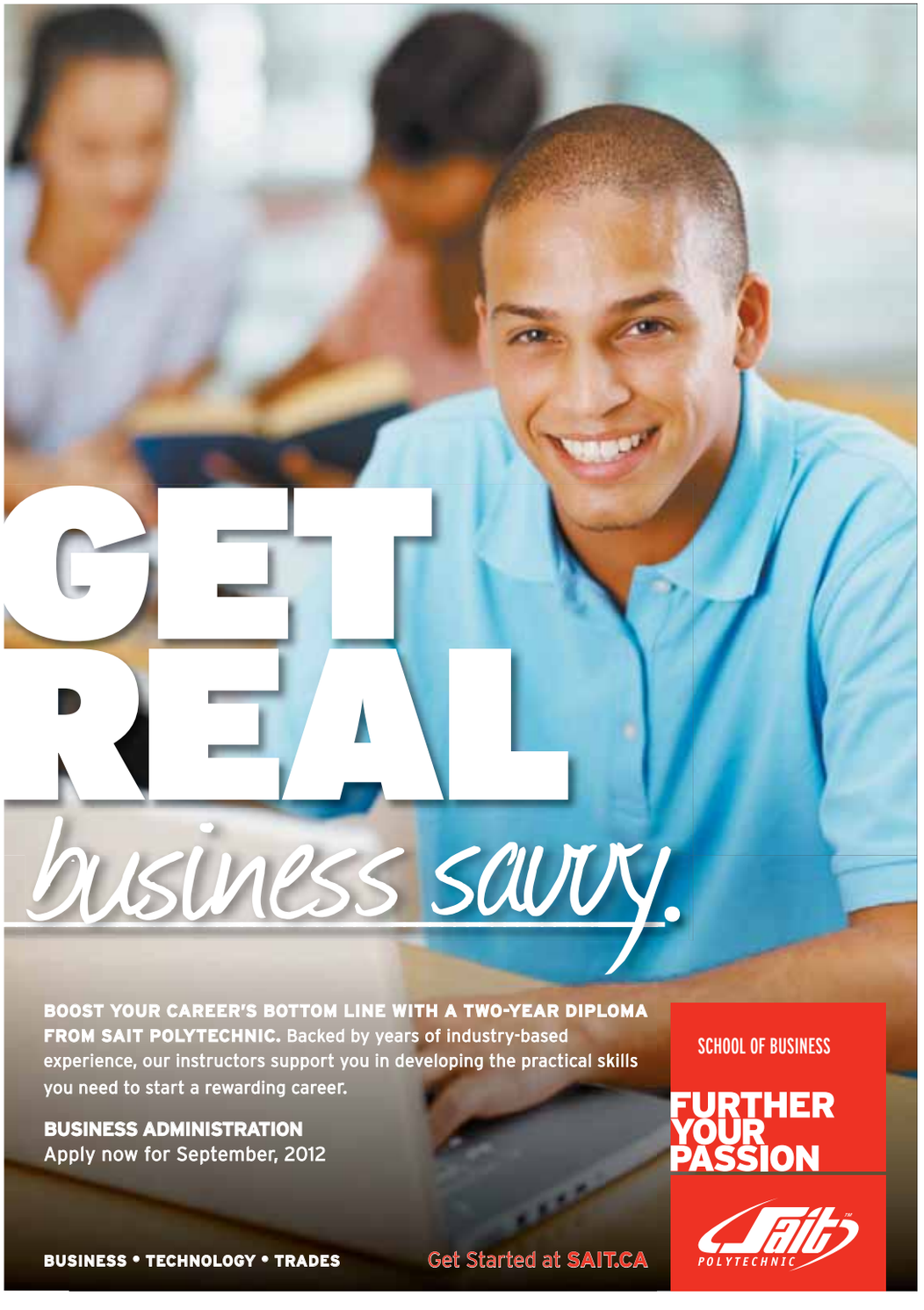
Nyan Win, a spokesman for Suu Kyi's National League for Democracy, said the trip would prove that Suu Kyi "can travel freely. This is a very positive indicator."

Suu Kyi has not left Myanmar since 1988, when she arrived from Britain to visit her ailing mother and ended up leading the country's struggle for democracy.

Since then, the daughter of national independence hero Aung San has spent 15 years under house arrest. For most of that time, she was separated from her husband Michael Aris and their two children, who still live abroad.

In 1999, Suu Kyi refused to leave Myanmar to visit Aris as he was dying because of concerns that the former ruling junta would not allow her back. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Myanmar pro-democracy leader Aung San Suu Kyi smiles at supporters from the gate of her lakeside home. KHIN MAUNG WIN/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS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Syria

Anti-regime forces under fire

Syrian security forces opened fire Wednesday on anti-regime demonstrators surrounding the cars of a UN team meant to monitor a shaky cease-fire, sending the observers speeding off and protesters dashing for cover, according to activists and amateur videos.

The fresh violence in a suburb of Damascus, the Syrian capital, provided the first public glimpse of the work of the small team struggling to reinforce the international community's stumbling efforts to end 13 months of deadly conflict in Syria.

The shooting, which wounded at least eight people, could also complicate the deployment of a larger UN mission to help a cease-fire take hold between President Bashar Assad's forces and opposition fighters.

The difficulties of the team's mission was clear Wednesday during its visit to the suburb of Arbeen, just northeast of Damascus.

The team did not announce its plans to visit the area, but a local activist said residents guessed they were coming when tanks posted throughout the area withdrew early Wednesday.

Amateur videos posted online showed hundreds of demonstrators crowding around at least three UN Land Cruisers, waving Syrian flags and chanting against the regime. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

1 million to suffer malnutrition

Hawa Moussa, 2, who is suffering from malnutrition, is held by her mother in an intensive care tent at the hospital in N'Gouri, a desert village in the Sahel belt of Chad, Wednesday. UNICEF estimates that 127,000 children under 5 in Chad's Sahel belt will require lifesaving treatment for severe acute malnutrition this year, with an estimated 1 million expected throughout the wider Sahel region of West and Central Africa in the countries of Niger, Nigeria, Mali, Chad, Burkina Faso, Cameroon, Senegal and Mauritania. BEN CURTIS/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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Stop using live animals in combat training: PETA

Animal rights. U.S. Coast Guard on the defence after activist group releases video of goat used in combat medical training

The U.S. Coast Guard is defending its practice of using live animals in its combat medical training after an activist group released a video on Wednesday of a goat's legs being removed with tree trimmers during what it said was training for agency personnel.

Live anesthetized goats have been used in coast guard training to treat combat wounds, but the agency could not verify if the video involved its personnel. The courses do involve "live tissue training using live animals," Lt. Cmdr. Jamie Frederick, spokesman for the Atlantic Area, wrote in an email.

Frederick was responding after People for the Ethical Treatment of Animals called on the Pentagon to stop the practice. A congressman has also introduced legislation that would phase out the use of animals by the military for such training.

PETA said the undercover video it released from a whistle-blower did show military instructors contracted by the U.S. Coast Guard cutting off an anesthetized goat's legs in Virginia Beach. The faces of the participants are blurred and they are not in uniform.

"Animals used in trauma training are supported and monitored by well-trained, experienced veterinary staff to ensure that appropriate anesthesia and analgesia prevent them from experiencing pain or distress," Frederick wrote.

Other branches of the military use similar training on goats and pigs and have defended it as a way to replicate wartime injuries and prepare medics and front-line troops for treating catastrophic injuries in the field of battle.

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Opposition

- PETA and other animal rights groups, as well as some medical professionals, say the practice is cruel and unnecessary. They promote the use of human simulation models over animals.
- PETA has also asked the U.S. Department of Agriculture to investigate "apparent serious violations of the Animal Welfare Act."
- U.S. Congressman Bob Filner, a California Democrat, has introduced legislation that would phase out such use of animals by the military. He said he's faced fierce opposition from the Department of Defence.

Policy reform. U.S. lawmaker pushes Canada to legalize pot

A former U.S. federal prosecutor who helped put B.C.'s so-called Prince of Pot behind bars is pushing for Canadian lawmakers to legalize marijuana.

Washington state attorney John McKay sat beside Marc Emery's activist wife Jodie today as he joined the growing call from B.C. to end pot prohibition in favour of the drug's regulation and taxation.

McKay says the criminalization of weed has fuelled a massive illegal industry that funds gangs, triggers violence and threatens public safety on both sides of the border.

He says many states are reforming marijuana policy and argues the country wouldn't take punitive action against Canada if it were to do the same.

McKay obtained indictments for Emery, who was ultimately sentenced to five years in a U.S. prison in 2010 for selling marijuana seeds to American customers through the mail.

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Growing call

- Several former B.C. attorneys general and Vancouver mayors have joined a coalition of police, judges and health officials in advocating for the marijuana policy reform.

Rescue effort

Search continues for whale tangled in fishing lines

Boats and helicopters scoured the waters off California on Wednesday for a whale that became tangled in fishing line while migrating the wrong way.

The U.S. Coast Guard and volunteers were on the lookout a day after rescuers managed to remove some fishing line from the whale's body, said Melissa Sciacca, spokeswoman for the Pacific Marine Mammal Center.

The whale could starve unless it turns around.

"There are lots of choppers and boats, but it's a big ocean, so it could be anywhere," she said. "The animals travel far and fast."

The whale was spotted off the coast of Laguna Beach in Orange County, and volunteers managed to remove about 30 metres of plastic fishing line from its body Tuesday before darkness fell.

More line remained tangled around its head and left pectoral fin. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Rescuers say they were able to loosen some of the fishing line that entangled this 40-foot grey whale off the Southern California coast before ending rescue operations Tuesday. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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Canada becoming a net loser in oil-price increases: BoC

Crude costs. Oversupply and capacity contributing to undervaluing of western Canadian oil, Bank of Canada says

The Bank of Canada says Canadians are losing out on the run-up in world oil prices, which is impacting everything from business-input costs to consumer spending and inflation.

In a new analysis of the current makeup of crude prices, the central bank said Wednesday that Canada has been importing high-priced Brent crude pumped in the North Sea and exporting lower-priced oil from Alberta since January, negatively impacting overall trade.

"The increase in the price of our oil imports raises production costs for Canadian firms and also puts upward pressure on gasoline prices, since about half of the gasoline purchased in Canada is produced using refined petroleum priced off Brent," the bank said in a statement.

That puts downward pressure on Canada's real gross domestic income, dropping the country's spending power to buy foreign goods and services, the bank said. In turn, it also dampens spending on domestically produced goods and services.

Increases in oil prices are usually beneficial to Canada because the country exports more than it imports, with the resulting gain in real income from exports more than offsetting cost increases for businesses and consumers who must fill up at the pump.

"This is why the recent evolution of oil prices since January has been unfavourable for Canada," the bank said in its Monetary Policy Review, noting that about half of the gasoline purchased in Canada is more closely tied to the higher-priced Brent supply.

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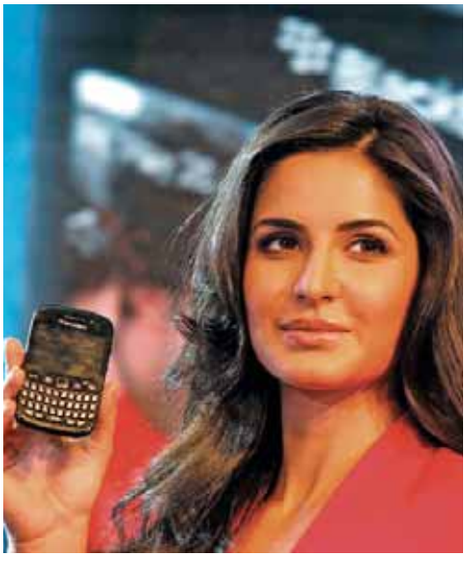
Price gap

- For more than a year, the gap has been widening between the price of the Brent oil Canada imports from the world and the price of West Texas Intermediate (WTI) oil paid to Canadian producers.
- The difference now stands at about $20 a barrel. Furthermore, some Canadian crudes are priced even lower at the Western Canada Select rate, which is now about $20 below WTI.



Ahead of the Curve

Bollywood actress Katrina Kaif displays Research In Motion's new low-priced BlackBerry Curve 9220 at a launch in New Delhi on Wednesday. RIM hopes the new model will attract users in India's thriving telecom market. The smartphone's appeal rests heavily on its use as a social media device, rather than on the security and email features that have attracted more business-minded customers in the past. The new device comes after reports earlier this month said RIM has agreed to give the Indian government access to private instant messages from users, though the company has so far refused to comment. SAURABH DAS/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Supreme Court

Conrad Black scores legal win

The Supreme Court of Canada has paved the way for disgraced media mogul Conrad Black to pursue a series of libel lawsuits in the province of Ontario. But it's likely those cases will never be heard. That's because Black and his legal opponents, former associates at Hollinger International and their adviser, Richard Breeden, are in the process of finalizing an out-of-court settlement of the suits.

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Market Minute

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Canadian high-tech watchmaker raises $4.5M

The Pebble smartphone-connected watch has raised more than $4.5 million in pre-sales. HANDOUT

Of the more than 50,000 ideas that have been pitched on the crowd-funding website Kickstarter, seeking financial support for a new product, none have struck a chord with the web community more than the born-in-Canada Pebble.

It's a sleek, futuristic-looking wristwatch that wirelessly connects to the smartphone in your pocket — either an iPhone or Android device — and displays Caller ID information for incoming calls, emails, Facebook and Twitter messages, or calendar and weather alerts. And, of course, the watch also displays the time, with a number of digital faces to choose from.

Vancouver-born Eric Migicovsky and the rest of the team behind Pebble hoped to raise $100,000 on Kickstarter to help launch the watch commercially.

They sought pledges ranging from a minimum of $99 for one of the very first watches off the production line, up to a contribution of $10,000 for a "mega distributor pack'" of 100 watches.

The team had a little over a month to raise the money before their Kickstarter pitch expired. To Migicovsky's complete shock, $100,000 was raised in just two hours.

It took 28 hours to exceed their target by 10 times, hitting the million-dollar milestone, and interest in Pebble hasn't slowed since.

Savvy startup

- School projects helped get the first prototype developed, but the team had a hard time raising money to finance the watch in Waterloo, Ont.
- The project moved down south to Silicon Valley, Calif., where last summer the Pebble team was welcomed into the Y Combinator tech program, which helps new companies get off the ground.

Just over a week into the campaign, the Pebble has attracted interest from more than 31,000 backers for a total of more than $4.5 million raised — a new Kickstarter record. And just about every minute of the day, new orders continue to pour in.

Migicovsky says he's trying to restrain himself from constantly refreshing the order page with the growing total of sales.

"We try to limit that during the day now. Last week it was nuts," says Migicovsky, who studied at the University of Waterloo, where he started developing the first version of the smartphone-connected watch.

"Everything's a bit crazy, but in a good way."

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Carney denies he was offered BoE post

Questions arise. Financial Times report suggests Bank of England might have its eye on the Canadian central banker

Mark Carney was given a chance to finally, unequivocally squelch reports he might leave his post early. He was equivocally successful.

In his first public remarks on the issue Wednesday, the Canadian central banker denied — indirectly — he had been approached to take over the same post at the Bank of England, as reported by the Financial Times newspaper. He seemed even less categorical when asked if he will commit to serving out his term in Canada, which runs to 2015.

"The report is not accurate," he said at a news conference in Ottawa when asked if he was approached as reported in the London-based newspaper.

Commitment?

"It's an honour to have this position and I intend to fulfil it."

Bank of Canada governor Mark Carney, on whether he will serve out his term

The denial was repeated from the Bank of Canada Tuesday night, but Carney offered no more insight as to why the newspaper would say he was approached to run the United Kingdom's central bank.

The governor added he was focused on his responsibility as governor of the Canadian central bank and chairman of the Swiss-based Financial Stability Board.

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Bank of Canada governor Mark Carney speaks to reporters at a news conference in Ottawa on Wednesday. ADRIAN WYLD/THE CANADIAN PRESS

Outlook. Economy gaining momentum: BoC

The Bank of Canada is taking a more positive view of the Canadian economy, while doubling down on warnings over household debt, the strong dollar and now the price of oil.

Building on Tuesday's policy rate announcement that predicted 2.4 per cent annual growth this year and next, the central bank's quarterly monetary policy review provided a generally positive spin on Canada's economic outlook — particularly in the first half of this year.

The central bank said growth in the first three months of the year will likely be a relatively robust 2.5 per cent annualized, well above the 1.8 level it had expected in its January report.

The second and third quarters will be similarly stronger than previously thought, it said, allowing the economy to return to full capacity for the first time since the recession by the first half of 2013 — as much as six months earlier than anticipated. Then the expansion will moderate, but remain positive.

"The economy has some momentum," bank governor Mark Carney told reporters following release of the monetary policy report.

The quicker closing of economic slack is consistent with Carney's signal on Tuesday that he may be preparing to hike interest rates sooner than many believed, perhaps as early as the fall, analysts said.

"The growth forecast presented by the bank would certainly justify some upward move in rates over the coming year or so," said CIBC chief economist Avery Shenfeld.

He cautioned, however, that only a minor setback would be needed to stay Carney's hand.

"For now, however, the market is likely to continue to brace itself for rising rates in Canada, putting upward pressure on short-term bond yields and providing support for the Canadian dollar."

Carney told a news conference Wednesday that when and if he raises interest rates will depend on how the economy performs, noting that there are still plenty of pitfalls to avoid.

Externally, Europe's debt crisis has stabilized but is far from resolved.

In Canada, he expressed concern with the high level of household indebtedness, currently at a near record 151 per cent of disposable income.

"There is a possibility, with potential developments in the housing markets, that there will be a bigger impact on consumption if house prices were to move downwards," Carney said.

"It's the biggest domestic risk."

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Travel

WestJet teams up with Thomas Cook

WestJet Airlines said Wednesday it has an exclusive arrangement to fly sun destination charter flights for Thomas Cook Canada next winter.

The announcement, which came less than a week after the leisure travel company made an early exit from a five-year deal with Jazz Aviation, will see WestJet provide all flights for Sunquest Vacations in the 2012-1013 winter season. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Retail

Couche-Tard expands to Europe with $2.8B deal

Canada's largest convenience store chain is launching a long-anticipated overseas expansion with a $2.8-billion US deal to buy Scandinavia's leading oil retailer. Alimentation Couche-Tard's shares hit a series of all-time highs on the TSX on Wednesday after the deal for Statoil Fuel & Retail ASA, the independent retail operations of Norway's state oil company, was announced.

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Did you know that 90 per cent of the bear maulings that happen on public transit are preventable? It's true.

How do I know so much? Well, I love spending time in the Canadian wilderness, where the weather is unpredictable, deadly wildlife is everywhere, and several of the hostels have Wi-Fi that only works, like, half the time. So I know about roughing it.

Just saying

I've been thinking about this because last week there was a viral news video that showed a bear roaming in a Los Angeles neighbourhood. It even crossed paths with a man who had his head down while walking and texting. In a moment of tragedy, that man survived.

I've even hiked in the majestic Rocky Mountains. (They're inevitably described that way because, like royalty, they serve no practical purpose.) In the Rockies, you can't help but appreciate life to the fullest, because residents constantly remind you that it could end at any moment.

Every time you turn around, someone is reminding you that you're in "bear country," which unilaterally seceded from Canada in 1994. "Hello, and welcome to the Stay-a-While Inn," they'll say, "where we haven't had a bear mauling in 26 minutes. You're in room 122. Please be advised, there is a bear warning in your bathroom."

And bear country is growing. I've been thinking about this because last week there was a viral news video that showed a bear roaming in a Los Angeles neighbourhood. It even crossed paths with a man who had his head down while walking and texting. In a moment of tragedy, that man survived.

But you might not be so lucky. Bears wandering in suburbs will become more common with climate change (i.e. bears can't afford downtown condos in this economic climate), so you'd best be prepared.

Here's what you need to know:

- Watch closely for signs that a bear might be nearby. These include hats, bow ties, neckties, and stolen pic-a-nic baskets. Also, ranger carcasses.
- LOOK OUT! Did you play dead this time? (Bonus tip: This also works in human relationships.)
- Sometimes playing dead doesn't work and it's better to fight back. The rule of thumb is that if a bear's putting a big sprig of parsley on your back, he's not buying it.
- Unless you've spent the last 10 years investing money in RIM, don't run. Bears can run at high speeds for long periods of time. And if you do start to get away, they'll just jump on one of those bicycles they always ride, while their trainer applauds them on.

And those are my tips. I hope you found them helpful.

OK, you can get up now. Unless there's a bear. In which case, feed it someone walking and texting. Everybody wins.

Gasp! A bear! DAN KITWOOD/GETTY IMAGES

New York City comes full circle

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Spin city

Surreal landscape photo

For American photographer and filmmaker Randy Scott Slavin, it's a topsy-turvy world out there, full of "wonder and different perspectives." For his Alternate Perspective photo series, the 34-year-old New Yorker travelled across America turning everyday surroundings into surreal landscapes.

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individual images of a scene are used to build up a 360 degree photo. Then, using computer software, Slavin stitches them together to make a stereographic projection. Battery Park Night (above) was 35 photos, each with an exposure time of three seconds.

60 seconds

Randy Scott Slavin

Mesmerizing images — what inspired you?

Growing up, I was always inspired by the surreal, disorientating artwork of M.C. Escher. But overall I'm motivated by seeing the world in a whole new perspective.

What was your biggest challenge in this art project?

It wasn't so much that I needed to take many photographs of the one scene as capturing it all many times with the constantly changing light. Also, standing outside in freezing winter air was not a pleasant experience.

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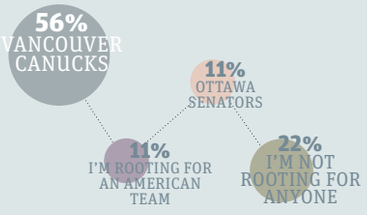

Twitter

@katevictoria: Just broke up a cat fight in the school yard- total role reversal these days - girls knock each other out while boys cry on the side #yyc

@bibpatel: Moustache? Sure. Ponytail? Fine. Moustache and Ponytail? I say good day to you sir. #yyc

@redgypsee: I see a bike ride in my near future. The weekend is supposed to be really nice out. #yyc

@SpielerJay: You don't realize how uneven #yyc roads are/how many bumps till you have to transfer jello shots in their liquid form #missionimpossible

@_julialuu: Exams are finally over, this calls for some major retail therapy in calgary! #yyc

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Scene in brief

Beliebers will get new album on June 19

Have faith, Beliebers: Justin Bieber says his new album will be out June 19. Believe is Bieber's third full-length release and both prior albums — 2010's My World 2.0 and last year's Christmas disc Under the Mistletoe — opened at No. 1 on the Canadian charts en route to multi-platinum sales. Bieber revealed the news during an appearance on the reality singing competition The Voice on Tuesday night.

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Great geeks: Morgan Spurlock trains lens on cultural phenomenon of Comic-Con

Amanda Prokop of Heritage Posters & Music is gearing up for Record Store Day, when hundreds of local music fans will stock up on special edition releases by the likes of Social Distortion and The Black Keys. LISA WILTON/METRO

Indie music shops ramp up for Record Store Day

Music mania. Local independent retailers note the resurgence of vinyl helps build anticipation for events like Record Store Day

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Digital music may be the way of the future, but it's a well-known fact that vinyl is the cooler format.

So maybe the last part of that sentence is more personal opinion than researched fact, but what is true is that the sales of vinyl albums have risen steadily during the past eight years.

While vinyl makes up only four per cent of all music sales in the United States, its popularity continues to grow as young people discover the joys of gatefold artwork and older music fans rediscover their teenage record collections.

The vinyl resurgence is good news for Calgary's record stores, most of which are participating in Record Store Day this weekend.

"Vinyl has taken over," says Jerry Keogh, owner of Heritage Posters & Music Shop. "It's just getting bigger and bigger because all the record labels are releasing their back catalogues again on 180-gram vinyl, which is a lot better quality."

Record Store Day was started five years ago by a group of American music nerds to encourage consumers to support their local independent record shops.

About 300 small businesses took part in the inaugural Record Store Day in 2008. This year, more than 1000 stores from around the world will participate.

"I think it's a really important day," says Inner Sleeve owner Marilyn Hall.

"It's an international event and it's a great idea to celebrate independent record stores. We don't have the rules and regulations that some of the bigger chain stores do, and I think we're better in touch with what people are looking for."

To help lure music fans to these shops, many artists release Record Store Day-only singles or special editions of albums.

This year's bag of Record Store Day goodies includes limited-edition titles by Eddie Vedder, Arctic Monkeys, Metallica, The Black Keys, Iggy & The Stooges, Florence + The Machine, Mastodon, Social Distortion, Bruce Springsteen and many more.

"There are people who line up before we open because they want the Record Store Day releases, which are quite sought-after and quite limited," Hall explains. "They really cover multiple sub-genres of rock music.

Participating stores

Record Store Day takes place Saturday at the following Calgary locations:

- Heritage Posters & Music: 1502 – 11 Ave. S.W.
- Hot Wax Records: 114 – 10 Ave. N.W.
- The Inner Sleeve: 3411 – 20 St. S.W.
- Melodiya Records: 2523A - 17 Ave. S.W.
- Recordland: 1208 – 9 Ave. S.W.
- Sloth Records: 736B – 17 Ave. S.W.

50 years of tongues, tight trousers

This year marks The Rolling Stones' golden anniversary.
We look at how the band's most stylish members have influenced fashion.

RICHARD PECKETT

Fashion forward and always fun — Mick Jagger. HANDOUT

Mick Jagger

Lead singer, lothario and arguably one of the first faces of androgynous dressing. Remember those Ossie Clark jumpsuits? The skin-tight jumpsuits have been left in the '70s but his fashion legacy of chest-baring tops, outlandish striped trousers and tailored suits lives on. The infamous shirt dress he wore even surfaced in Alexander McQueen's show.

Keith Richards

He made it cool for a guy to wear silky neck ties and eyeliner. And the fact that Johnny Depp based Captain Jack Sparrow on Keith Richards makes the craggy-faced guitarist something of a legend. He also showed his charitable side by designing T-shirts in aid of last year's tsunami in Japan.

Ronnie Woods

Two words: That hair. And two more: Those feathers. Mick and Keith got most of the attention, but Ronnie had some pretty outrageous fashion moments of his own. His interest in fashion lives on. We spotted him front row during the autumn/winter '12 men's shows in London. But sadly, he wasn't wearing this.

Hardcore stoners

Are you a big fan of the Rolling Stones? If so, you may want to check out this collectible photo album.

- **Tongue out, strutting his stuff.** Jagger's pouting poses have been curated by François Hébel in Mick Jagger: The Photobook. The collectible shows Jagger in a number of guises, from strutting frontman to artistic muse — transfixing and a none too pricey coffee table must. It is retailing for $24. More information can be found at Thames-andhudson.com.

Visitor self-discovery. Montreal Star Wars exhibit features prop power as it makes 12-city world tour

A new Star Wars exhibit is packed with film-prop drawing power for the hardcore aficionado: from Han Solo's "carbonite" prison, to Anakin Skywalker's full-size pod-racer, to Princess Leia's metal bikini.

But the Montreal Science Centre's interactive, multimedia exposition, titled Star Wars Identities: The Exhibition, aims to offer more than the chance to gaze deep into Jabba the Hutt's glassy, remote-controlled eyeballs.

The exhibit's creators hope to encourage patrons to look inward for their own journey of self-discovery — through the Star Wars lens.

Quote

"It was a really innovative way to look at the characters." Kyra Bowling, exhibition manager for Lucasfilm

The goal is to teach visitors about the origins, influences and choices that moulded the films' heroes.

The producers then want customers to explore their own identity.

"It was a really innovative way to look at the characters and the property in a whole new way," Kyra Bowling, exhibition manager for Lucasfilm Ltd., said Tuesday at the show's media launch in Montreal.

"What shaped them? Be it the design process or what you see up on screen. But then turning the mirror around: Well, how do you see yourself in that as well?"

The show, a collaboration between Lucasfilm and Montreal's X3 Productions, will make its world premiere when it opens Thursday.

It will run in Montreal's Old Port until Sept. 16 with admission ranging from $13.50 to $23.

It then continues on its 12-city world tour, including one other Canadian stop: Edmonton, in October.

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The spaceship Star destroyer is seen at the world premiere of a Star Wars exhibit. PAUL CHIASSON/THE CANADIAN PRESS

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The Alabama Shakes', from left, Heath Fogg, Zac Cockrell, Brittany Howard and Steve Johnson pose for a photograph during the SXSW Music Festival in Austin, Texas. JACK PLUNKETT/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Alabama Shakes take unexpected magic carpet ride

Debut album. Boys & Girls getting lots of attention from the music industry, critical acclaim from media across the planet

Brittany Howard already had her life planned out by the time she hit her 20s, and it didn't include any of this.

The lead singer and force of nature in Alabama Shakes, rock 'n' roll's newest phenomenon, already had a good job delivering mail and hoped to hold onto it. Like many folks reared in the rural South, she didn't expect much more. Maybe she could carve out a little happiness with a husband and some kids.

"Where we're from, playing music and just playing music is not an avenue to take," Howard said. "It's not an option. Because like, where we're from, most of the people, they've tried their best to get the best job they can and then they stay with that job until they can retire. So music was just kind of like our hobby. It was something we would do to release at the end of the day or still feel like human beings."

In less than a year, all that has changed and her quartet from Athens, Ala., has become a success story so unlikely even the band's manager calls it "an anomaly." Maximum buzz has preceded the Shakes' debut album Boys & Girls with sold-out tours of the United States and Europe, fawning media coverage and an endless string of surprises.

Howard, 23, sat down for a morning interview early in the band's overstuffed run through the South By Southwest Music Festival last month.

The band rented a house in a tony section of town and was loose and celebrating over breakfast tacos after a successful "Austin City Limits" taping and in anticipation of a heavy schedule of live showcases at the music conference.

They'd just learned they'd be joining Jack White for part of his tour and big opportunities seemed to be coming up every day.

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Quote

"Where we're from, playing music and just playing music is not an avenue to take."

Brittany Howard
On their road to success

Analysis

Not your typical rock star attitude

Warm and open, but a little shy and hesitant to make eye contact, Brittany Howard hardly resembled the larger-than-life figure she is on stage. With only an EP, a handful of professionally produced videos and a legion of YouTube fan postings, there's been little for the curious to go on since the band first started gaining attention last summer. But every time Howard and her bandmates — bassist Zac Cockrell, drummer Steve Johnson and guitarist Heath Fogg — play out live, they gain more true believers who turn and pass on the word.

The Shakes' musical approach is laid back — simple riffs that sway and build laid down over fertile grooves. There's nothing elaborate and no need to be because within a few bars, Howard comes in with a voice that rattles the room.

Mraz brings a new kinda love

Folk-pop. California singer breaks his heart open for new love-themed disc, on heels of multi- platinum performance

Jason Mraz, known for feel-good, hippie hits like I'm Yours and The Remedy, released his latest album Love Is a Four Letter Word

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It's been nearly four years since Grammy-winning troubadour Jason Mraz released his multi-platinum album We Sing. We Dance. We Steal Things and its sunny ukulele-infused hit I'm Yours.

The California singer-songwriter says he had planned to tackle a follow-up to that disc at the end of 2010, and even had 40 or 50 new tunes written for it.

But one day he realized the tracks were "the work really of just clever songwriting" and didn't fit into his vision of a "love" concept album.

Mraz then told himself: "I need a little bit more experience in the world. I need to get out of my head and go break my heart open somehow," the socially conscious pop-folk artist recalled in a recent interview to promote his new album, Love is a Four Letter Word, out this week.

"So I started doing more volunteer work and I started travelling more and pushing myself — surfing bigger waves, riding my bicycle farther, even questioning the relationships in my life to say, 'Do these really serve me and am I showing up the best way I can possibly show up, or am I just trying to fit some mould?'

"I realized how many things I was attached to that were stopping me from being the strongest and have the most interesting life that I could. And once I broke that open, songs around May of 2011 really started to just pour out ... from my heart and not just from my pen."

Mraz tested tunes for Love is a Four Letter Word on the road last year with his longtime friend, percussionist Noel (Toca) Rivera.

The trek took them around North America, Europe, Asia, Australia, New Zealand and Africa, where Mraz sang the cover tune Freedom Song — which is on his new album — with children living in a shelter in Ghana.

"It was raining one night when I first arrived, they all met me outside and they were singing the Freedom Song and they knew it word for word and it blew my mind," said Mraz, 34, noting the children first learned the track from the non-profit organization that he worked with in Ghana, Free The Slaves.

"It again woke me up to the power of songwriting and what it can do to make someone's day or brighten up a moment."

Dancing and playing music and games with children there also taught Mraz he can connect with kids — something the Virginia native said he'd never before felt, even when he was young.

"That's the first time I ever thought, 'I could have kids, I could see how I could actually contribute to another little kid's life,"' said Mraz.

"When parents say 'Oh, you get to relive your childhood all over again through your children,' I saw that too and I was like, 'Oh, this is a good idea. Maybe I'll adopt."'

Though love is the theme of the new album, it's about more than just courtship of a relationship.

"It's compassion for others, compassion for oneself, it's loving unconditionally," said the soft-spoken Mraz, who's won two Grammys.

"There's a couple of baby-making jams on there but it's not all romantic love."

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Behind the tunes

More than just music

- **Charity.** A longtime philanthropist, he's created his own charitable foundation, helped with efforts to clean up the 2010 oil spill in the Gulf of Mexico, and recently went to Antarctica with former U.S. vice-president Al Gore to learn about climate change.
- **Eating.** Mraz is also a vegan and has an avocado farm in San Diego, where he got his start performing in coffee houses.

The Word

Memorable movie experiences

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OUR TAKE ON THE WORLD OF CELEBRITIES

The State Supreme Courthouse in lower Manhattan was bathed in light on Tuesday night as movie stars (Catherine Zeta-Jones, Michael Douglas, Robert De Niro, and Dakota Fanning to name just a few), business titans (Ronald Perelman), media mavens (Katie Couric, Charlie Rose, Jared Kushner), designers (Tory Burch, Donna Karan, and Rachel Roy) and Mayor Michael Bloomberg kicked off the 11th year of the Tribeca Film Festival at the uber-swank Vanity Fair party.

We asked these celebrities: What's the first film you remember seeing that had a major impact on you?

Katie Couric
"My mom took me to The Birds when I was five-years-old. I don't think she knew how gory it was. And I remember running up and down the aisles screaming. And maybe that explains a lot. A lot."

Jane Rosenthal (festival co-founder with Robert De Niro):
"Mary Poppins. She was like the first super-hero woman. She could do everything. She was magical. She seemed to do it all. And there's a little girl named Jane so I really liked that too. I can still sing all the lyrics, but I won't."

Bob Balaban:
"The 5000 Fingers of Dr. T. was a really big movie for me. It's a cult classic now. It was a fantasy. It was MGM in the early '50s. It was all about a little boy and his piano teacher and he falls asleep and has a dream in which they built a piano

where they had however many children — 5,000 fingers playing the piano. It's pretty beautiful."

Tory Burch:
"I always loved To Catch a Thief, especially for the clothes. It inspired me as a designer. I thought that the style was amazing."

John Forté:
"I remember cutting class one day to see Conan the Barbarian. We snuck into the wrong theatre and ended up seeing Wall Street. My friends fell asleep but I was captivated. I came home and started asking my mom to see the business section of the newspaper so I could learn about commodities trading and about stocks and bonds and what the differences were and what yields were."

A Douglas moment

- Reporters called to couple Michael Douglas and Catherine Zeta-Jones (who looked ravishing in a one-shoulder gray sequined dress and Christian Louboutin heels) to come over but they wouldn't talk. "We talked all last night," said Douglas, referring to Monday night when he was honoured for his contributions to the theater at the 12th Annual Monte Cristo Awards.

Perry 'a lost soul right now'?

Katy Perry has been putting on a brave face in the wake of her split from Russell Brand, but sources claim the pop star is pining for her comic ex, according to Us Weekly.

"Katy's been trying to get him back. She's a lost soul right now," a source says. The sudden change was reportedly spurred on by a trip to India earlier this month, where Perry and Brand tied the knot in 2010.

"She'd already been missing Russell. Being back there stirred up even more old feelings."

But a rekindled romance isn't likely, the source warns. "Right now, Katy and Russell are trying to get to the point where they can at least be friends."

Sharon Osbourne

Osbourne has some harsh words for Cowell

Sharon Osbourne has a few not-so-nice words for former co-worker Simon Cowell, now that an unauthorized biography on the X Factor boss claims Osbourne quit the reality show because she was jealous of Cowell's alleged affair with fellow judge Danii Minogue.

"I left because I didn't like that girl. When it's not fun, you go," Osbourne insists on her talk-show, The Talk, in response to the story.

"I couldn't care if he was having sex with anything." But the outspoken Osbourne didn't leave it at that: "I think he is a victim of small penis syndrome," she adds. "You can't buy the goods."

Paquin and Moyer expecting their own lil' vampire

True Blood co-stars Anna Paquin and Stephen Moyer are expecting their first child, a rep confirms to People magazine. The pair met on the HBO vampire series in 2007 and tied the knot in 2010 during a seaside ceremony in Malibu.

Shortly after they wed, Paquin had expressed hesitation about getting pregnant.

"I have trouble planning anything more than brunch with my friends," Paquin told Marie Clare at the time. "But when the time's right, we'll do it."

This is Oscar-winner Paquin's first child, while Moyer has a son and a daughter from previous relationships.

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Today's picks

Kenzo for Vans

Vans has churned out too many special editions of its classic Era shoe to count. Some of them have been really good. Others have just been, eh (pink Hello Kitty lace-ups, anyone?). But its latest collaboration with Kenzo achieves a rare perfect balance, basically creating a kind of prototype for what the skate shoe should be: colourful, a little off-beat and cool. The collection, designed by Humberto Leon and Carol Lim, features the same net graphic prints from their spring/summer '12 collection in seven different colorways. They're almost too cute to ollie in.

kenzo.com

The paisley tee

Raf Simons is a hot topic, now that he's been named the new creative director of Christian Dior. A graphic shirt from his critically acclaimed ss12 collection for Jil Sander is not only an on-trend update for your jeans and Tee combo (paisley is everywhere right now), but a cool investment for hardcore fashion collectors.

KENYA HUNT, METRO WORLD NEWS IN LONDON

On the Web

Designers from Edmonton, Toronto and Montreal among TFI New Labels finalists

Going out with a bang

Straight up. Rooney Mara's bangs in Girl With the Dragoon Tattoo were all over last month's fall 2012 runways. But does this polished look work in hot, sticky weather? We discuss

ROMINA MCGUINNESS
Metro World News in London

"Cutting in fringe is a great way to change up your look dramatically without chopping all your hair off," says hairstylist John Ruggiero from L.A., who has worked wonders on the locks of Elizabeth Olsen and Gisele Bündchen.

"It's a great summer look because it can keep your hair away from your face and still look chic," the guru adds. He talks us through how to keep bangs looking cool and fresh as the weather heats up.

1

Go bold

It's been a little while since Girl With the Dragon Tattoo hit theatres, but Rooney Mara's hair is just beginning to take off as a trend (as witnessed by all of the blunt cut bangs in last month's runway shows). Let's be honest, though; a major part of the appeal is her attitude. "The best way to pull off a really cool fringe like Rooney Mara's is to have that effortless confidence. I'm seeing a lot of different fringe styles right now — straight, wavy, long, short, super short — but it's all about figuring out which look works best for you and owning it."

2

Pick your products wisely

Yes, you want your hair to look great, but you don't want to cause forehead breakouts under there. "Always go for a product that is lightweight and that will protect your hair against heat and humidity. Something like Bumble and Bumble Straight Blow Dry cream will work best. And maybe add a light holding spray at the end," Ruggiero adds.

3

Maximize one cut

Turn the most annoying part about wearing bangs — the fast grow-out — into an opportunity to play around with your 'do.

"Cut your fringe really short and then let it grow out getting a trim every four to six weeks," he says. That way you can go super short one week, and longer and sideswept the next.

Behold, the look that started it all: Rooney Mara's razor-sharp, super-cropped bangs. GETTY IMAGES

Three to compare

1 Short

Alexa Chung

Alexa's bangs aren't quite as blunt as Mara's, making for a more natural, undone look.

2 Longer

Jennifer Lawrence

Jennifer Lawrence's beachy fringe has that, "I've just come back from an island holiday," thing happening.

3 Longest

Rihanna

Rihanna nails the between-haircuts-sideswept 'do.

Hair products to keep your fringe under control

1 Bumble and Bumble

Straight Blow Dry

$28, bumbleandbumble.com

2 Oribe

Imperméable Anti-Humidity Spray

$38, oribe.com

3 Frederic Fekkai

Smooth Sailing Anti-Frizz Cream

$25, fekkai.com

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Instead of replacing your cabinets, installing new wood or laminate veneer on top of them could save you money. HANDOUT

There is something truly satisfying about seeing your home's value rise as a result of your own hard work. And with that in mind, Kitchen Crashers offers you tips for ideas on how to transform your cooking and entertaining oasis — and maybe even raise the value of your home while you're at it.

Resurface

Consider saving money by resurfacing kitchen cabinets instead of completely replacing them. There are many different ways to update cabinets, including refinishing or painting cabinet and drawer fronts, or installing new wood or laminate veneer on top of them. New hardware, such as hinges and knobs, can also help complete the upgrade, and cabinet interiors can be sanded, stained or painted to finish the transformation.

Lighting

The right lighting can dramatically change the look of a kitchen. By adding more light, your kitchen will immediately appear bigger and brighter. Consider incorporating lighting layers such as task lighting, general room lighting and accents. Under-cabinet lighting is an example of task lighting because it focuses light on the work area. It is a simple way to add additional lighting while maximizing space, and provides cooks with additional light to work by. Accent lighting, such as picture and inside cabinet lighting, can add some interesting and fun touches to your space.

Paint

Applying a fresh coat of paint to your walls will make surrounding countertops and cabinets pop! Choosing the colour will depend on the overall look you are after, such as a relaxing taupe or an energizing red. Start by choosing a range of colours and then narrow them down to two or three options. By applying colour choices to canvas boards, you can easily move samples around the room and examine them in different lights and at different times of the day to see which ones are your ultimate favourites.

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Keep it simple

For the biggest return on investment, focus on simple and inexpensive modern touches such as recessed lighting, new plumbing features and updated countertops or flooring. These simple adjustments can update the look of a kitchen without the expense of a full-blown overhaul.

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These days, you'd be hard-pressed to find newly designed hotels fashioned to please the traditionalist at heart; most are clean-lined, square edged and look somewhat cookie-cutter with their modern dark wood furnishings and pale blue fabrics.

Enter the NoMad Hotel that opened earlier this month in New York City's NoMad neighborhood (north of Madison Square Park) at Broadway and 28th streets. The 168-room hotel is housed in a turn of the century restored Beaux-Arts building with Interiors by French designer Jacques Garcia.

French charm

"Rooms look like a poet's apartment in the heart of Paris."

Details I love

The walls and drapes are crisp white and the window panes are highlighted with a punch of black shiny paint.

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The lighting is all made to look turn of the century, but purposed for today's lifestyle.

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On buying a house for one

Buy Herself. Property Virgins' Sandra Rinomato helps single women buy their first home in a new series on HGTV

Sandra Rinomato first brought her real-estate know-how to the small screen in Property Virgins, helping first-timers looking to land a home.

With Buy Herself, which premiered Monday on HGTV, the Toronto real estate broker is zeroing in on one segment of first-time buyers: single women. As someone who chose to purchase a property solo, Rinomato can relate to the unique challenges faced by singles venturing into the market.

"I wasn't guaranteed to get that paycheque every Friday, so that was an issue for me," the real estate broker said. "When I bought a house completely on my own after a breakup, I was used to having a dual income; and then that extra person wasn't there anymore."

Rinomato was still able to fulfil her home ownership aspirations by opting to buy a property with a basement apartment. "I said to myself: 'This basement is nice enough for me to move into if I have to, and I can rent out the top for more money; or, I can rent out the basement and live up here.' So, depending on how bad my income became, I had options."

When she later moved out of the home, she retained it as an investment property.

In Buy Herself, Rinomato works with women in their 20s, 30s and 40s, all with different reasons they're opting to buy — and buy alone.

In the series premiere, 37-year-old single, career-oriented Kelly is looking to leave behind her rental in a building largely populated by seniors for a place where she can be among fellow professionals.

Future episodes will include an aspiring real estate mogul living with her father and stepmother, and a single mother with a baby daughter who are outgrowing their rental.

Rinomato said this is the first time in modern history that women are so prominent as both buyers and homeowners. There are any number of reasons propelling women to get a foothold in the market, whether it's a desire to decorate, nest and have people over to enjoy the space, or the appeal of a money-making investment, she noted.

Rinomato said safety is also a common concern and part of what's driving many women toward buying condos.

Once the home search gets underway, Rinomato said first-timers should revisit their wish lists as perceptions change when touring potential homes. She also encourages women to stay focused on their needs.

"Forget about granite countertops. If they're not there, is that really going to affect your enjoyment of the property? If it is, OK, that stays on the wish list," she said. "Is the location really going to affect your lifestyle? If you don't mind a big commute then you can buy outside of the city."

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Removing grease from napkins

Pre-treating is the key

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Dear Charles the Butler, In being more environmentally friendly, my family uses cloth napkins instead of paper. The problem is, though we regularly wash them, greasy food stains stick around. I've tried spot cleaning with Dawn liquid dish detergent, which often has good results, but it's a time-consuming job. Is there a better — and less time-consuming — way to remove grease stains?
Sally

Dear Sally,

Nice to hear you're teaching your family about their environmental footprint. I too use cloth napkins. They're more environmentally friendly and they are so much more enjoyable!

So how to clean these napkins? Unfortunately, each stain does need to be pre-treated. Time consuming, I know, but good dry cleaners deal with each stain/spot individually before a general cleaning.

A ph neutral soap, like what you're currently using, should be applied to each grease stain, let it sit then rinse with cold water. To really work that stain, try soaking the napkins over night in a pail. You could also try commercial spot removers if regular soap is not doing the trick. It's important to remember if the stains are still on the napkins when you take them out of the washer, do not put them in the dryer until you re-treat the stain again. What goes into the dryer comes out the same way, and then it is permanent!

From now on, buy natural fabric cloths because they are easier to clean.

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Vintage isn't the only way to capture the Mad Men era

1960s style. Some tips on recreating retro style from the set decorators of the hit series

Now that another season of Mad Men is taking us back to the 1960s, lovers of mid-century modern style are eyeing the sets for inspiration.

Luckily, the popularity of both the AMC show and the design style makes it easy to find furniture that sets the stage.

The retro decor complements many of today's furnishings — something to remember when you're trying to capture that '60s vibe, says Anthony Larosa, former furniture design department chair at Savannah College of Art and Design. He cautions against going all-in on the vintage look, even if you love it.

"People would have had a mix of furniture in their homes," he notes. "We get attached to things; we take them with us when we move and redecorate."

If you're keen to incorporate vintage, reproduction or newly reissued pieces from the Mad Men era, he suggests starting by looking at books and magazines from the period to see what real interiors looked like. That's the approach the show's set production team took.

Living room furniture

Mad Men's set decorator, Claudette Didul, says she and production designer Dan Bishop are especially proud of the Manhattan apartment they created for newlywed characters Don Draper, an ad agency exec, and his former secretary, Megan Calvet.

The split-level, open-plan living room was initially envisioned by show creator Matthew Weiner, but it was up to the production team to make the space cool, livable and able to accommodate shoot requirements.

Lighting

In period TV shows, light fixtures are essential in delivering the right look. On Mad Men, they're practically characters in themselves. Tall, slender wood, colourful opaque glass, gleaming metal — every set's personality is punctuated by one or two statement lamps.

Didul says the production team favoured vintage lampshades despite their fragility.

Operation Organization

TINA CHADHA
Metro New York

Melanie Fascitelli, a closet-organizing guru, shows us some tried-and-true ways to organize our clothes:

Edit your wardrobe
"The first thing you need to do is get yourself a partner, someone you trust, to help you edit," says Fascitelli, president and creative director of Close-ette Too, an online shopping guide for all things organizing. "This person is someone who is going to tell you the truth, whose style you admire and who has a good eye for your own personal style. Editing or culling your wardrobe is not only about finding things that you haven't worn in one or two years, but also asking, 'Would I buy this today?'"

Colour code
Sort your clothes by colour and type. Keep pants with pants and skirts with skirts, and then organize each category from light to dark, says Fascitelli.

It's all about the hangers
"The least expensive thing you can do to get your closet organized and cleaned up is to buy all the same style and colour hanger," says Fascitelli, who prefers using a neutral colour. For her product line, Clos-ette Too, she says they spent years developing the perfect hanger. "It's a skinny, soft hanger in five different styles for all different types of garments. "

Folding vs. hanging
The general rule is "hang everything you can," says Fascitelli.

If you don't have too much space on your closet rod, the items she specifically feels should be hung are coats, pants, dresses, suits, tailored shirts, silk blouses and gowns.

The best items to fold and store on a shelf or in a drawer are T-shirts, sweaters, gym clothes, jeans and delicates — such as beaded and cashmere pieces.

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Lighting is an essential part of the the Mad Men look. HO

Art

- Most of the modern art on Mad Men isn't actually vintage. Didul has found great pieces at rental galleries such as Art Pic in Los Angeles, and through artist friends.
- The dramatic dot graphic in the show's ad agency office was created by the art department under Bishop's guidance. The piece echoes the work of English Op Art proponent Bridget Riley. Similar posters are at zazzle.com.
- You can find reproduced examples of one of that era's most prolific designers, George Nelson, known for sunburst, asterisk, polygon and ball wall clocks (Polygon clock, $590 at wayfair.com).

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This recipe makes 12 cakelets. EMILY RICHARDS

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For an added bit of sweetness in these cakelets, use a wooden spoon handle to make a small hole in the centre of each one and fill it with some icing before spreading the top with icing.

1. In bowl, whisk flour, baking powder, cinnamon, nutmeg and baking soda; set aside.

2. In bowl, whisk maple syrup, sugar, eggs, butter and vanilla until smooth. Stir flour mix into maple syrup mix and stir to combine. Stir in carrots.

3. Scoop batter into 12 greased or lined muffin tins. Bake in centre of 350 F (180 C) oven for about 25 minutes or until cake tester inserted in centre comes out clean. Let cool completely.

4. Cream-Cheese-Maple Frosting: In bowl, beat cream cheese and maple syrup. Gradually add icing sugar and beat until fluffy and smooth. Spread each cakelet with frosting and sprinkle with sprinkles if desired.

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Ingredients

- 2 cups (500 mL) flour
- 2 tsp (10 mL) baking powder
- 1 tsp (5 mL) cinnamon
- ½ tsp (2 mL) ground nutmeg
- ¼ tsp (1 mL) baking soda
- ¾ cup (175 mL) pure maple syrup
- ½ cup (125 mL) brown sugar
- 2 eggs
- ½ cup (125 mL) butter, melted
- ½ tsp (2 mL) vanilla extract
- 1 ½ cups (375 mL) grated raw carrots

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This simple pastry — they resemble large, inflated muffins, but are hollow — comes together in almost no time and calls for just a handful of ingredients.

Even better, the batter can be made the night ahead. And because they're not too sweet, they'll work as breakfast treats as well.

Here's how it works. You make the batter in the blender whenever you have a spare five minutes (up to 24 hours ahead of time). Refrigerate it until you a ready to use it (just pop it back on the blender base for a quick whir before using).

For a dessert, heat the oven while you make dinner. As you sit down to eat, pour the batter into a popover pan, pop that in the oven, then go enjoy dinner. By the time you finish, the popovers will be done. Then just tear a small opening and spoon in a filling.

1. Heat oven to 200 C (400 F). Coat a 1.5-l (6-cup) popover pan with cooking spray.

2. In blender, combine flour, milk, eggs, butter, sugar, salt and cardamom. Blend until very smooth batter is created, about 1 minute. Fill each prepared popover pan cup about halfway with batter. The remainder can be baked as a second batch or refrigerated for up to 24 hours.

3. Bake 30 mins. Remove popovers from pan and use knife to cut small hole in top of each for steam to escape. Let cool.

4. Filling: In bowl, gently stir mascarpone, honey, lemon juice and zest, and cinnamon.

When popovers have cooled enough to handle, carefully tear opening in each just enough to be able to spoon in about 50 ml (1/4 cup) of the filling. Serve each with sliced strawberries or other fresh berries.

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Ingredients

Popovers

- 500 ml (2 cups) all-purpose flour
- 500 ml (2 cups) milk
- 4 large eggs
- 30 ml (2 tbsp) butter, melted
- 15 ml (1 tbsp) sugar
- 5 ml (1 tsp) salt
- 2 ml (1/2 tsp) ground cardamom

Filling

- 2 tubs (each 250 g/8 oz) mascarpone
- 30 ml (2 tbsp) honey
- Juice and zest of 1 lemon
- 10 ml (2 tsp) cinnamon
- Sliced strawberries or other fresh berries, to serve

NHL

Senators beat Rangers in OT

Kyle Turris scored at 2:42 of overtime to give the Ottawa Senators a 3-2 victory over the New York Rangers Wednesday night.

The Senators tied their Eastern Conference quarter-final series 2-2. Game 5 is Saturday in New York.

Ottawa cut the Rangers' lead to 2-1 at the seven-minute mark of the second as Matt Carkner, coming out of the penalty box, took a pass from Jason Spezza and fed it to Michalek, who backhanded it over Lundqvist's right shoulder.

The crowd of 20,340 at Scotiabank Place went on to give Ottawa a standing ovation for over three minutes.

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Predators

Busy nights in goal for Pekka Rinne

The break in the schedule is giving Predators goaltender Pekka Rinne a little rest. Now his teammates want to give him a chance to catch his breath against the Detroit Red Wings.

Thanks to Rinne stopping 35 or more shots in each win, Nashville is up 3-1 in pushing the Red Wings to the brink of elimination in their first-round Western Conference series.

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Olympic soccer

Beckham still vying for roster spot

David Beckham remains in contention for Britain's Olympic football team after surviving the latest cut in the squad.

Manager Stuart Pearce has slashed his long list of 191 players down to 80 since January as he prepares Britain's first Olympic football team since 1960. The 18-man squad is expected to be named by June.

Beckham, who will turn 37 next month, would be one of three over-age players allowed to feature in the squad if he is selected. He has expressed a desire to play at the London Games with his career in the England team effectively over. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Steve Sullivan celebrates after scoring a goal against Kimmo Timonen, centre, and Sergei Bobrovsky Wednesday in Philadelphia. MATT SLOCUM/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Penguins rout Flyers to extend the series

NHL. Pittsburgh scores eight straight goals to secure lopsided win

Game 4

10	3
Penguins	Flyers

Pushed to the brink of a sweep, Pittsburgh's Sidney Crosby, Evgeni Malkin and Jordan Staal pushed back with a vengeance, helping the Penguins score nine goals in the first two periods in a 10-3 win over the Philadelphia Flyers on Wednesday in their opening-round playoff series.

Staal had a hat trick, Malkin scored his first two goals of the series and Crosby added one to help the Penguins cut the series deficit to 3-1. Game 5 is Friday in Pittsburgh.

Marc-Andre Fleury settled down after a shaky first period and had his best game of the series, easily outplaying counterpart Ilya Bryzgalov.

The Flyers led 3-2 when the Penguins reeled off eight straight goals to win the most lopsided game of the series.

"It was a crazy game in a lot of ways," Pittsburgh coach Dan Bylsma said. "But we got a lot of big saves at key times, and we were able to turn it the other way."

Claude Giroux, Kimmo Timonen and Jakub Voracek all scored for the Flyers, who blew their chance at a stunning sweep of the 108-point Penguins. Bryzgalov, shaky all series, was at his worst in Game 4. He was yanked for Sergei Bobrovsky after allowing his fifth goal of the game.

"We had a task tonight to win one game, and focus only on one game," Bylsma said. "And we got that win tonight. That's our focus for the next game, back in Pittsburgh."

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Historic night

The Penguins were the first team to score at least 10 goals in a playoff game since the Los Angeles Kings scored 12 against the Calgary Flames on April 10, 1990, according to STATS LLC.

Football. CFL approves rule changes to add video review to all scoring plays

There will be no more second guessing from armchair quarterbacks — at least as far as scoring is concerned — when the CFL kicks off with its opening exhibition games on June 13 with the Argonauts in Hamilton and Saskatchewan in Vancouver.

The league announced on Wednesday that all scoring plays will be reviewed by video from the command centre.

That means all TDs, field goals, singles and safety touches will be reviewed without either team challenging the scoring play.

A couple of key safety rules have also been approved by the CFL's board of governors.

Officials will blow the play dead immediately if a ball carrier's helmet comes off. The play will resume at the spot where the helmet came off.

Also, any player whose helmet comes off during a play must stop in his tracks. He can't make a tackle. He can't try to deflect a pass. He must refrain from participating in the play.

If a helmetless player doesn't stop, his team will be penalized 10 yards for illegal participation. And if a player hits a player without a helmet — and that player isn't involved in the play — the offender's team will be penalized 15 yards for unnecessary roughness.

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Henry Burris gives a thumbs-up during the Tiger-Cats' pre-season mini-camp Wednesday in Hamilton. SCOTT GARDNER/THE CANADIAN PRESS

4 SPORTS

Quoted

"First off, I hope he's all right. But as far as the hit goes, I felt like it was a hockey play, just trying to finish my hit out there."

Phoenix forward Raffi Torres after laying a devastating hit on Chicago's Marion Hossa in the Coyotes' 3-2 win over the Blackhawks on Tuesday. Hossa was taken from the ice on a stretcher and released from hospital a couple hours later with "encouraging results," according to the Blackhawks. A hearing will be held Friday at the NHL's New York office to determine Torres' fate in the meantime, he is suspended indefinitely and will sit out Game 4 on Thursday night.

NBA

West fined $25K for 'wet willy'

Mavericks guard Delonte West has been fined $25,000 by the NBA for jabbing his finger into the ear of Jazz swingman Gordon Hayward during the second quarter of Utah's 123-121 triple-overtime win over Dallas on Monday. The NBA issued the fine Wednesday, calling it a "physical taunt." West had been called for fouling Hayward away from the ball then walked after him to give him what he called a "wet willy." West received a technical but was not tossed out of the game.

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On the web

The Indianapolis Colts say they know who they'll select at No. 1 in the NFL draft and it will almost certainly be Peyton Manning's successor. But which top QB they'll take with the pivotal pick remains a closely-guarded Colts secret. Scan the code for the story.

NATIONAL HOCKEY LEAGUE

STANLEY CUP PLAYOFFS

All Times Eastern

FIRST ROUND

CONFERENCE QUARTER-FINALS (Best-of-7)

EASTERN CONFERENCE

N.Y. RANGERS (1) VS. OTTAWA (8)
(Series tied 2-2)
Last night's result
Ottawa 3 N.Y. Rangers 2 (OT)
Saturday's game
Ottawa at N.Y. Rangers, 7 p.m.
BOSTON (2) VS. WASHINGTON (7)
(Boston leads series 2-1)
Monday's result
Boston 4 Washington 3
Tonight's game
Boston at Washington, 7:30 p.m.
Saturday's game
Washington at Boston, 3 p.m.
FLORIDA (3) VS. NEW JERSEY (6)
(Florida leads series 2-1)
Tuesday's result
Florida 4 New Jersey 3
Tonight's game
Florida at New Jersey, 7 p.m.
Saturday's game
New Jersey at Florida, 6:30 p.m.
PITTSBURGH (4) VS. PHILADELPHIA (5)
(Philadelphia leads series 3-1)
Last night's result
Pittsburgh 10 Philadelphia 3
Tomorrow's game
Philadelphia at Pittsburgh, 7:30 p.m.

WESTERN CONFERENCE

VANCOUVER (1) VS. LOS ANGELES (8)
(Los Angeles leads series 3-0)
Last night's result
Vancouver at Los Angeles
Sunday's game
x-Los Angeles at Vancouver, TBA
ST. LOUIS (2) VS. SAN JOSE (7)
(St. Louis leads series 2-1)
Monday's result
St. Louis 4 San Jose 3
Tonight's game
St. Louis at San Jose, 10:30 p.m.
Saturday's game
San Jose at St. Louis, 7:30 p.m.
PHOENIX (3) VS. CHICAGO (6)
(Phoenix leads series 2-1)
Tuesday's result
Phoenix 3 Chicago 2 (OT)
Tonight's game
Phoenix at Chicago, 8 p.m.
Saturday's game
Chicago at Phoenix, 10 p.m.
NASHVILLE (4) VS. DETROIT (5)
(Nashville leads series 3-1)
Tuesday's result
Nashville 3 Detroit 1
Tomorrow's game
Detroit at Nashville, 8 p.m.

x — played only if necessary

SENATORS 3, RANGERS 2 (OT)

First Period
1. N.Y. Rangers, Stralman 2 (Richards, Gaborik) 0:49 (pp)
2. N.Y. Rangers, Callahan 2 (Gaborik, Richards) 6:10 (pp)
Penalties — Smith Ott (boarding) 0:39, Karlsson Ott (tripping) 5:45, Prust NYR (boarding) 7:10, Konopka Ott (roughing) 10:32, McDonagh NYR (tripping) 14:54.
Second Period
3. Ottawa, Michalek 1 (Carkner, Spezza) 7:04
4. Ottawa, Gonchar 1 (Foligno, Neil) 17:50 (pp)
Penalties — McDonagh NYR (high-sticking) 1:21, Carkner Ott (hooking) 4:55, Bickel NYR (holding stick) 8:11, Smith Ott (interference) 11:01, Anisimov NYR (hooking) 16:48.
Third Period — No Scoring.
Penalties — Foligno Ott (high sticking) 1:55, Foligno Ott (tripping) 14:35.
Overtime
5. Ottawa, Turris 1 (O'Brien, Gonchar) 2:42
Penalties — None.
Shots on goal by

NY Rangers	12	7	11	3—33
Ottawa	12	9	9	1—31

Goal — N.Y. Rangers: Lundqvist (OTL,2-2); Ottawa: Anderson (W,2-2). **Power plays (goals-chances)** — N.Y. Rangers: 2-7; Ottawa: 1-5.
Attendance — 20,340 (19,153) at Ottawa.

PENGUINS 10, FLYERS 3

First Period
1. Philadelphia, Giroux 5 (Jagr, Simmonds) 1:14 (pp)
2. Pittsburgh, Malkin 1 (Dupuis, Park) 3:37
3. Pittsburgh, Niskanen 1 (Crosby, Sullivan) 8:05 (pp)
4. Philadelphia, Timonen 1 (Giroux, Briere) 15:06 (pp)
5. Philadelphia, Voracek 2 (Simmonds, Hartnell) 15:52 (pp)
6. Pittsburgh, Crosby 3 (Niskanen, Malkin) 16:19
7. Pittsburgh, Staal 3 (Tangradi, Cooke) 17:29
Penalties — Sullivan Pgh (high-sticking) 0:17, Malkin Pgh (hooking) 1:29, Coburn Pha (holding) 6:42, Rinaldo Pha (interference) 12:19, Kunitz Pgh (interference) 13:02, Orpik Pgh (cross-checking) 13:28, Cooke Pgh (high-sticking) 13:52, Carle Pha (interference) 20:00.
Second Period
8. Pittsburgh, Letang 1 (Crosby, Sullivan) 3:07 (pp)
9. Pittsburgh, Staal 4 (Kennedy, Cooke) 7:21 (pp)
10. Pittsburgh, Sullivan 1 (Fleury) 10:55 (pp)
11. Pittsburgh, Dupuis 2 (Kunitz) 14:59
12. Pittsburgh, Staal 5 (Engelland) 16:03
Penalties — Giroux Pha (high-sticking) 2:51, Grossmann Pha (tripping) 5:32, Carle Pha (holding stick) 8:13, Read Pha (roughing) 10:40, Park Pgh (interference), Philadelphia bench (too many men; served by Wellwood) 12:01, Rinaldo Pha (cross-checking, roughing) 16:43.
Third Period
13. Pittsburgh, Malkin 2 (Kunitz, Kennedy) 4:04
Penalties — Cooke Pgh (holding stick, misconduct), Vitale Pgh, Simmonds Pha (unsportsmanlike conduct, misconduct), Kubina Pha (cross-checking, misconduct) 8:48.
Shots on goal by

Pittsburgh	15	16	5	—36
Philadelphia	11	9	5	—25

Goal (shots-saves) — Pittsburgh: Fleury (W,1-3); Philadelphia: Bryzgalov (L,3-1)(18-13), Bobrovsky (3:07 second; 18-13). **Power plays (goals-chances)** — Pittsburgh: 4-9; Philadelphia: 3-5.
Attendance — 20,172 (19,537) at Philadelphia.

PLAYOFF SCORING LEADERS

	G	A	PT
Giroux, Pha	4	4	8
Briere, Pha	4	1	5
Brown, LA	4	1	5
Crosby, Pgh	2	3	5
McDonald, StL	2	3	5
Neal, Pgh	2	3	5
Jagr, Pha	1	4	5
Schenn, Pha	1	4	5
Berglund, StL	3	1	4

Not including last night's games

MLB

AMERICAN LEAGUE

EAST DIVISION

	W	L	Pct	GB
Baltimore	7	4	.636	—
Toronto	6	5	.545	1
New York	6	5	.545	1
Tampa Bay	6	6	.500	1½
Boston	4	8	.333	3½

CENTRAL DIVISION

	W	L	Pct	GB
Detroit	8	3	.727	—
Cleveland	5	4	.556	2
Chicago	5	5	.500	2½
Kansas City	3	8	.273	5
Minnesota	3	8	.273	5

WEST DIVISION

	W	L	Pct	GB
Texas	10	2	.833	—
Seattle	6	6	.500	4
Oakland	5	7	.417	5
Los Angeles	4	7	.364	5½

Last night's results
Tampa Bay 12 Toronto 2
Chicago White Sox 8 Baltimore 1
Detroit 4 Kansas City 3
Minnesota 6 N.Y. Yankees 5
Texas 6 Boston 3
Oakland at L.A. Angels
Cleveland at Seattle
Tuesday's results
Toronto 7 Tampa Bay 3
Baltimore 3 Chicago White Sox 2
Cleveland 9 Seattle 8
Detroit 3 Kansas City 1
N.Y. Yankees 8 Minnesota 3
Oakland 5 L.A. Angels 3
Texas 18 Boston 3
Today's games — All Times Eastern
Baltimore (Hammel 1-0) at Chicago White Sox (Floyd 1-1), 2:10 p.m.
Minnesota (Swarzak 0-2) at N.Y. Yankees (P.Hughes 0-2), 7:05 p.m.
Texas (Darvish 1-0) at Detroit (Willk 0-1), 7:05 p.m.
Tampa Bay (Hellickson 1-0) at Toronto (H.Alvarez 0-0), 7:07 p.m.
Oakland (Milone 1-1) at L.A. Angels (C.Wilson 2-0), 10:05 p.m.
Cleveland (Tomlin 0-1) at Seattle (F.Hernandez 1-1), 10:10 p.m.

RAYS 12, BLUE JAYS 2

Tampa Bay	ab	r	h	bi	Toronto	ab	r	h	bi
Jnnngs cf	4	2	1	0	YEscor ss	5	1	4	0
Zobrist rf	4	2	1	2	KJhnsn 2b	5	0	0	0
C.Pena 1b	4	1	0	1	Bautist rf	3	0	1	1
Longori 3b	4	1	1	1	Encrnc dh	5	0	2	0
Scott dh	5	1	2	4	Lind 1b	4	0	0	0
Kppngr 2b	3	0	0	0	Lawrie 3b	4	0	1	0
Brignc ss	2	0	0	0	RDavis lf	3	0	0	0
Joyce lf	5	3	3	1	Vizquel ph	1	0	1	0
JMolin c	3	0	1	1	Arencii c	0	0	0	0
SRdrgz ss-2b	2	2	1	2	Rasms cf	4	0	2	0
Mathis c	3	1	1	1					
Thams ph-lf	1	0	0	0					
Totals	**36**	**12**	**10**	**12**	**Totals**	**38**	**2**	**12**	**2**

Tampa Bay	**210**	**102**	**006—12**
Toronto	**110**	**000**	**000—2**

E—Lawrie (2). DP—Tampa Bay 1, Toronto 1. LOB—Tampa Bay 4, Toronto 11. 2B—Joyce 2 (2). HR—Zobrist (2), Scott (3), Joyce (3), S.Rodriguez (1), Mathis (1). SF—S.Rodriguez.

Tampa Bay	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO
Price W,2-1	5 2-3	8	2	2	2	3
W.Davis	1 2-3	3	0	0	0	2
Jo.Peralta H,1	2-3	0	0	0	0	2
Howell	1	1	0	0	0	2
Toronto						
Morrow L,0-1	6	8	6	6	3	2
L.Perez	2	0	0	0	0	4
Villanueva	1	2	6	5	2	0

HBP—by Villanueva (J.Molina). WP—Villanueva. T—3:11. A—15,828 (49,260) at Toronto.

NATIONAL LEAGUE

EAST DIVISION

	W	L	Pct	GB
Washington	10	3	.769	—
Atlanta	7	5	.583	2½
New York	7	5	.583	2½
Miami	6	6	.500	3½
Philadelphia	5	6	.455	4

CENTRAL DIVISION

	W	L	Pct	GB
St. Louis	9	3	.750	—
Milwaukee	6	6	.500	3
Pittsburgh	5	7	.417	4
Cincinnati	4	8	.333	5
Houston	4	8	.333	5
Chicago	3	9	.250	6

WEST DIVISION

	W	L	Pct	GB
Los Angeles	9	3	.750	—
Arizona	7	5	.583	2
Colorado	6	6	.500	3

Yesterday's results
Atlanta 14 N.Y. Mets 6
Colorado 8 San Diego 4
Miami 9 Chicago Cubs 1
Milwaukee 3 L.A. Dodgers 2 (10 innings)
Pittsburgh 2 Arizona 1
St. Louis 11 Cincinnati 1
Washington 3 Houston 2
Philadelphia at San Francisco
Tuesday's results
Atlanta 9 N.Y. Mets 3
Colorado 5 San Diego 3
Miami 5 Chicago Cubs 2
Milwaukee 5 L.A. Dodgers 4
Pittsburgh 5 Arizona 4
San Francisco 4 Philadelphia 2
St. Louis 2 Cincinnati 1 (10 innings)
Washington 1 Houston 0
Today's games — All Times Eastern
Chicago Cubs (Samardzija 2-0) at Miami (Nolasco 1-0), 12:40 p.m.
L.A. Dodgers (Harang 0-1) at Milwaukee (Wolf 0-1), 1:10 p.m.
Cincinnati (Arroyo 0-0) at St. Louis (Wainwright 0-2), 1:45 p.m.
Houston (Norris 0-0) at Washington (E.Jackson 1-0), 7:05 p.m.
Atlanta (Minor 1-1) at Arizona (Collmenter 0-0), 9:40 p.m.
Philadelphia (Worley 0-1) at San Diego (Wieland 0-1), 10:05 p.m.

LACROSSE

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EAST DIVISION

	GP	W	L	Pct.	GF	GA	GB
x-Toronto	14	7	7	.500	170	172	—
x-Philadelphia	14	7	7	.500	159	183	—
x-Rochester	14	6	8	.429	173	176	1
Buffalo	14	5	9	.357	167	179	2

WEST DIVISION

	GP	W	L	Pct.	GF	GA	GB
x-Colorado	14	11	3	.786	193	171	—
x-Calgary	15	11	4	.733	207	164	½
x-Minnesota	14	7	7	.500	171	167	4
Edmonton	13	5	8	.385	136	143	5½
Washington	14	4	10	.286	150	171	7

x — clinched playoff berth.
Tomorrow's games — All Times Eastern
Edmonton at Colorado, 9 p.m.
Toronto at Washington, 11 p.m.
Saturday's games
Rochester at Buffalo, 7:30 p.m.
Philadelphia at Minnesota, 8 p.m.
Calgary at Edmonton, 9 p.m.

NBA

EASTERN CONFERENCE

	W	L	Pct	GB
y-Chicago	47	15	.758	—
y-Miami	44	17	.721	2½
x-Indiana	40	22	.645	7
y-Boston	37	26	.587	10½
x-Atlanta	37	25	.597	10
x-Orlando	36	26	.581	11
New York	33	29	.532	14
Philadelphia	32	30	.516	15
Milwaukee	29	32	.475	17½
Detroit	23	39	.371	24
New Jersey	22	41	.349	25½
Toronto	22	41	.349	25½
Cleveland	20	41	.328	26½
Washington	16	46	.258	31
Charlotte	7	54	.115	39½

WESTERN CONFERENCE

	W	L	Pct	GB
y-San Antonio	44	16	.733	—
y-Oklahoma City	44	17	.721	½
dx-L.A. Lakers	39	23	.629	6
x-L.A. Clippers	39	23	.629	6
Memphis	37	25	.597	8
Dallas	35	28	.556	10½
Denver	34	28	.548	11
Phoenix	32	29	.525	12½
Utah	32	30	.516	13
Houston	32	30	.516	13
Portland	28	34	.452	17
Minnesota	25	38	.397	20½
Golden State	22	38	.367	22
Sacramento	20	41	.328	24½
New Orleans	19	43	.306	26

d — division leader; **x** — clinched playoff berth; **y** — clinched division

Last night's results
Miami 96 Toronto 72
Atlanta 116 Detroit 84
Boston 102 Orlando 98
Chicago 100 Charlotte 68
Dallas 117 Houston 110
L.A. Clippers 104 Denver 98
Memphis 103 New Orleans 91
New York 104 New Jersey 95
Philadelphia 103 Cleveland 87
Washington 121 Milwaukee 112
San Antonio at Sacramento
Utah at Portland
Oklahoma City at Phoenix
L.A. Lakers at Golden State
Tonight's games — All Times Eastern
Milwaukee at Indiana, 7 p.m.
Minnesota at Detroit, 7:30 p.m.
Houston at New Orleans, 8 p.m.
Chicago at Miami, 8 p.m.
L.A. Clippers at Phoenix, 10:30 p.m.

HEAT 96, RAPTORS 72

TORONTO (72)
Anderson 7-18 1-2 15, A.Johnson 1-4 1-1 3, Gray 1-1 0-0 2, Uzoh 1-4 1-2 3, DeRozan 5-14 2-3 12, Davis 3-6 2-2 8, J.Johnson 7-12 3-3 18, Forbes 4-10 1-2 9, Alabi 1-3 0-0 2. Totals 30-72 11-15 72.
MIAMI (96)
James 12-15 3-4 28, Haslem 5-7 0-1 10, Pittman 3-8 2-3 8, Chalmers 3-4 2-2 9, Jones 0-7 0-0 0, Battier 2-4 1-2 7, Anthony 3-5 0-0 6, Miller 5-8 0-0 13, Cole 1-8 0-0 2, Harris 1-2 0-0 2, Howard 3-5 1-3 7, Curry 2-3 0-0 4. Totals 40-76 9-15 96.

Toronto	24	25	11	12	—72
Miami	25	26	23	22	—96

3-Point Goals—Toronto 1-16 (J.Johnson 1-2, DeRozan 0-2, Forbes 0-4, Anderson 0-8), Miami 7-17 (Miller 3-4, Battier 2-4, James 1-1, Chalmers 1-1, Harris 0-1, Cole 0-2, Jones 0-4). Fouled Out—Pittman. Rebounds—Toronto (Alabi, J.Johnson 6), Miami (Haslem 7). Assists—Toronto 12 (Anderson 3), Miami 25 (Chalmers 7). Total Fouls—Toronto 17, Miami 16. A—19,600 (19,600) at Miami, Fla.

SOCCER

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EASTERN CONFERENCE

	GP	W	L	T	GF	GA	Pt
Kansas City	7	7	0	0	12	21	21
New York	6	3	2	1	16	10	10
D.C. United	7	2	2	3	8	7	9
Houston	4	2	1	1	3	3	7
New England	6	2	4	0	5	8	6
Columbus	5	2	3	0	4	7	6
Chicago	4	1	1	2	3	4	5
Montreal	8	1	5	2	7	15	5
Philadelphia	5	1	3	1	3	6	4
Toronto	5	0	5	0	2	10	0

WESTERN CONFERENCE

	GP	W	L	T	GF	GA	Pt
Real Salt Lake	7	5	2	0	11	5	15
San Jose	6	4	1	1	10	4	13
Seattle	5	3	1	1	6	2	10
Dallas	6	3	2	1	8	9	10
Chivas USA	6	3	3	0	4	4	9
Colorado	6	3	3	0	7	8	9
Vancouver	6	2	2	2	5	6	8
Los Angeles	5	2	3	0	8	9	6
Portland	6	1	4	1	8	11	4

Last night's results
Montreal 1 D.C. United 1
Kansas City 3 Vancouver 1
Saturday's games — All Times Eastern
Chicago at Toronto, 3:30 p.m.
Houston at Columbus, 7:30 p.m.
Los Angeles at Colorado, 9 p.m.
Dallas at Vancouver, 10 p.m.
Real Salt Lake at San Jose, 10:30 p.m.
Philadelphia at Chivas USA, 10:30 p.m.
Kansas City at Portland, 10:30 p.m.
Sunday's game
New York at D.C. United, 6 p.m.

UEFA CHAMPIONS LEAGUE

SEMIFINALS

FIRST LEG
Yesterday's result
Chelsea (England) 1 Barcelona (Spain) 0
Tuesday's result
Bayern Munich (Germany) 2 Real Madrid (Spain) 1

CONCACAF CHAMPIONS LEAGUE

CHAMPIONSHIP — FIRST LEG
Last night's result
Monterrey (Mexico) 2 Santos Laguna (Mexico) 0

HOCKEY

IIHF MEN'S UNDER-18 WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP

PLAYOFFS

Today's games — All Times Eastern
CHAMPIONSHIP BRACKET
Quarter-finals
At Breclav, Czech Republic
Finland vs. Germany, 9 a.m.
Russia vs. **Canada**, 1 p.m.
RELEGATION BRACKET
At Znojmo, Czech Republic
Czech Republic vs. Switzerland, 9 a.m.
Latvia vs. Denmark, 1 p.m.
Tomorrow's games
CHAMPIONSHIP BRACKET
Semifinals
At Brno, Czech Republic
Sweden vs. TBD, 9 a.m.
U.S. vs. TBD, 1 p.m.

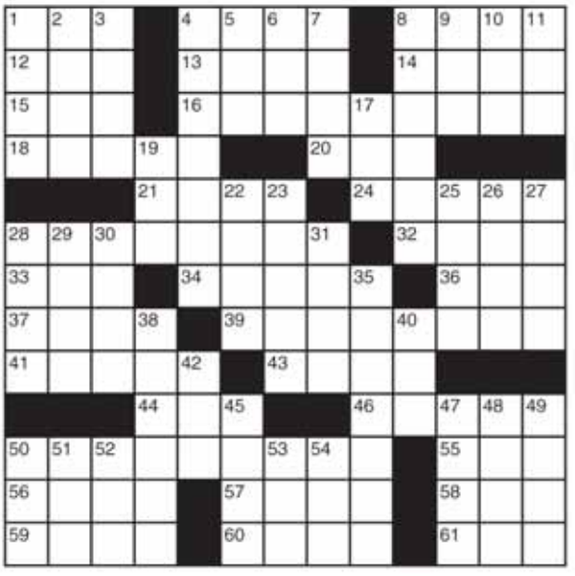
Crossword

Across

1 Upper limit
4 Little demons
8 Be in charge of
12 Coloration
13 Appearance
14 Shrek, for one
15 Refuge craft
16 Erich Segal novel
18 Hymn of praise
20 Bankroll
21 Nuisance
24 Veranda
28 Furniture for two
32 Mediterranean strip
33 — out a living
34 Dieter's entree
36 Forefront
37 Broadcasts
39 Small parrot
41 Skewered meal
43 Pleasant
44 To and —
46 Jockey's handful
50 Tomato
55 Siesta
56 Satan's field
57 Genealogy chart
58 Bookkeeper (Abbr.)
59 On the tainted side
60 Fax
61 Fix a cuff

Down

1 Bloke
2 Emanation
3 Lap dog, for short
4 Doctor's concern
5 Cattle call?
6 Angle (Abbr.)
7 Distort
8 Frank
9 Id counterpart
10 Timetable abbr.
11 Susan of "L.A. Law"
17 Easy mark
19 Mimic
22 Caulk
23 Claw
25 Sitarist Shankar
26 Autocrat
27 Full house, e.g.
28 Secrecy thwarter
29 Tom Joad type
30 Hit or miss?
31 "Rikki-Tikki- —"
35 Issued a fiat
38 Without risk
40 Spell-down
42 Support system?
45 Makes a decision
47 Part of the foot?
48 Scruff
49 Unwanted e-mail
50 Journey segment



51 Eggs
52 Energy
53 Ante-
54 Writer Deighton

Sudoku

1					2	8	6	
	9			6		5	2	
2			1					3
				1			3	5
		7				9		
9	4			7				
4					6			9
	6	3		4			5	
	8	9	7					6

How to play

Fill in the grid, so that every row, every column and every 3x3 box contains the digits 1-9. There is no math involved. You solve the puzzle with reasoning and logic.

Yesterday's Sudoku

8	5	2	1	4	7	3	6	9
9	3	7	2	6	5	4	8	1
1	4	6	9	3	8	2	7	5
3	2	5	4	8	6	1	9	7
4	6	1	5	7	9	8	3	2
7	8	9	3	1	2	5	4	6
2	7	4	6	5	3	9	1	8
5	1	8	7	9	4	6	2	3
6	9	3	8	2	1	7	5	4

Yesterday's Crossword

Cryptoquip

How to play

This is a substitution cipher where one letter stands for another. Eg: If X equals O, it will equal O throughout the puzzle.

CKGBX ZJMRA Z WGCANU WNBXM QEM WYMQL RT AM JN Z QEGF-JZDW BZYTNDANY: "AEN KGFZYU MC LZQL."

Yesterday's Cryptoquip: IF THE KING OF HUMPBACKS HAD A MALE OFFSPRING, WOULD HE BE CALLED THE PRINCE OF WHALES?

Today's Cryptoquip Clue: O equals W

For today's crossword answers and for expanded horoscopes, go to metronews.ca

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Horoscope

Aries | March 21 - April 20. No matter how much of a hard time others give you today, you must not rise to the bait.

Taurus | April 21 - May 21. As the Sun moves into your birth sign today, your expectations are sure to be high but don't try to do everything at once.

Gemini | May 22 - June 20. You may find it difficult to take a certain person seriously but the planets indicate he or she has something important to teach you.

Cancer | June 21 - July 22. Speed is of the essence so don't waste time thinking about what you intend to do, just do it.

Leo | July 23 - Aug. 22. The Sun crosses the career angle of your chart, making you even more active and ambitious than usual.

Virgo | Aug. 23 - Sept. 22. You've been too intense, but now the Sun is moving into one of the more easygoing areas of your chart. You can start smiling again.

Libra | Sept. 23 - Oct. 22. Partners and loved ones will be rather demanding today and money worries may be a problem too.

Scorpio | Oct. 23 - Nov. 21. The Sun's move into your opposite sign may make it seem as if others have the upper hand but they don't. You're still the boss.

Sagittarius | Nov. 22 - Dec. 21. Assert your authority and make sure friends and rivals alike are aware that you are not going soft in your old age.

Capricorn | Dec. 22 - Jan 20. The Sun moves into the most dynamic area of your chart today and over the next four weeks you must go all out to realize your ambitions.

Aquarius | Jan. 21 - Feb 18. It doesn't matter what you start so long as you start something. A good place to begin would be your home.

Pisces | Feb. 19 - March 20. If what you're working on fails to inspire you then ditch it — and find your real passion. SALLY BROMPTON

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John

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